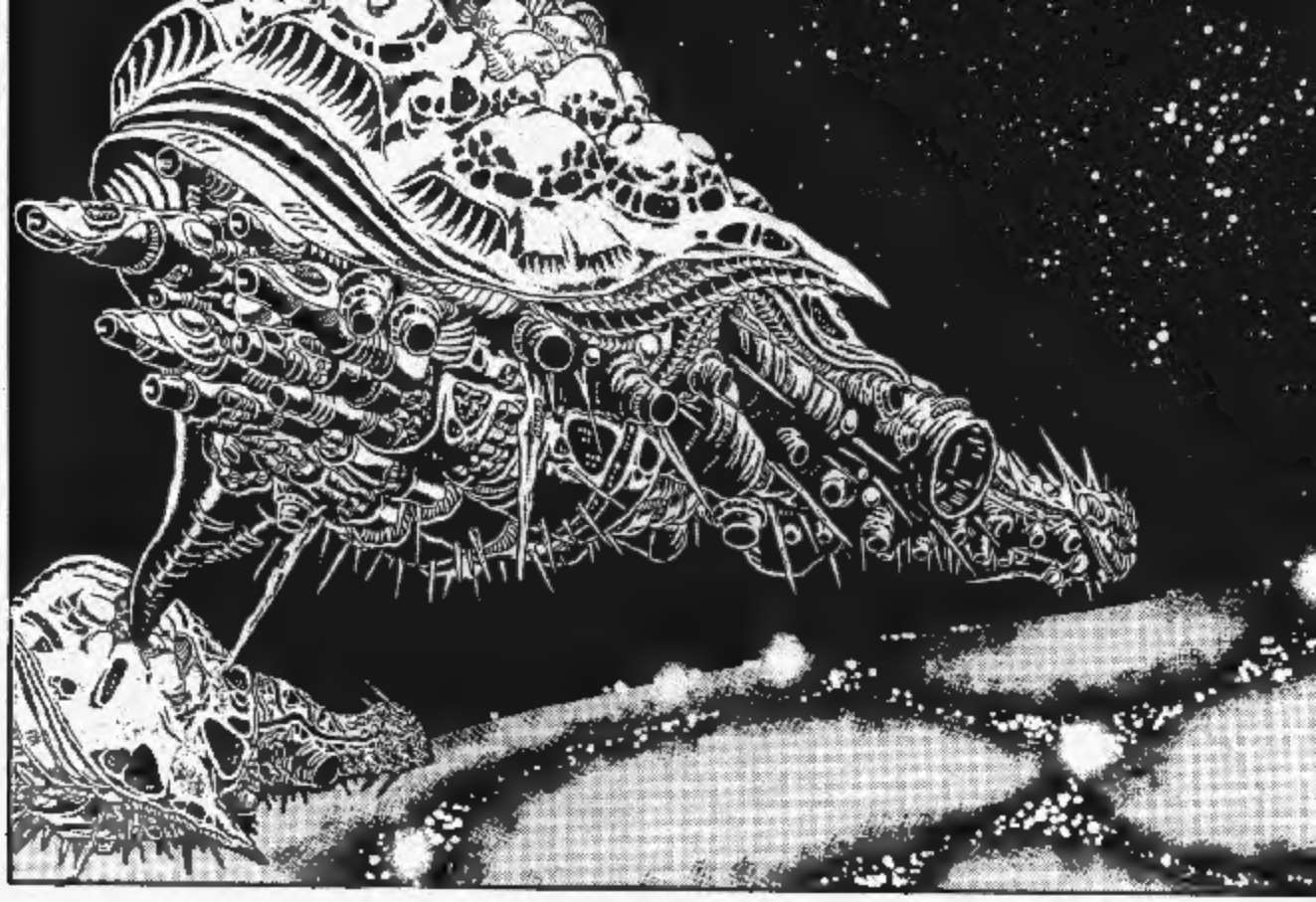
BOOK TWENTY-SEVEN

ALIENS



GOD DAMN !!
WHAT THE HELL IS GOING ON?!
THE DAMN SHIP GOES OFF AND WARPS BY ITSELF... AND WHERE DO WE COME OUT BUT THE STINKING IMPERIAL PLANET ITSELF!?

BOSS! THE SHIP WON'T LISTEN TO A SINGLE ORDER WE GIVE IT!
*$@!! OLD RUST BUCKET!
BATTIA, YOU GOT ANY IDEA WHAT'S GOING ON?
WAIT, I'M CHECKING...
I'M NOT SURE... BUT THERE SEEMS TO BE SOME KIND OF SPECIAL ENERGY FIELD ENVELOPING THE SHIP...

AND THAT'S WHY WE CAN'T CONTROL THIS PILE OF JUNK? IS IT THOSE DAMNED *IMPERIALS?*

I'M NOT SURE... BUT THEY SHOULDN'T HAVE ANY WAY TO INTERFACE WITH OUR CONTROL SYSTEM FROM THE OUTSIDE.

WE'VE STARTED TO DESCEND !

SON OF A BITCH! THEY HAVEN'T CAUGHT US, HAVE THEY?!

DAMN...

WE'RE HELPLESS WITHOUT OUR SHIP!!

BOSS! THE SIXTH ARMY GROUP'S WARPED IN BEHIND US!

THEIR STRENGTH IS WAY DOWN... THIRTY PERCENT LOSSES AT LEAST!

MAN, THEY GOT THEIR ASSES KICKED.

I WONDER WHAT HAPPENED TO THE EARTH ?

WHAT DID YOU SAY ?!
THE SIXTH ARMY GROUP HAS RETURNED ?

YES, MY LORD. THEY RETURN IN TRIUMPH WITH THE PRINCESS KAHM'S SHIP AND NUMEROUS REBEL PRISONERS.
THEN THE PRINCESS IS UNHARMED ?!

YES, MY LORD. IT APPEARS SO.

MY LIEGE! YOU HAVE HEARD FOR YOURSELF.

ALL HAS TURNED OUT FOR THE BEST!

I AM MOST DISPLEASED, **SERUFA**... I GAVE ORDERS THAT THE REBEL ARMY BE ANNIHILATED, AND KAHM WITH THEM!

I SAID NOTHING ABOUT TAKING PRISONERS!

N-NO DOUBT GENERAL SERULHI MADE HIS DECISION WELL KNOWING YOU WOULD BE ANGERED...

..BUT THE PRINCESS KAHM IS YOUR EXCELLENCY'S PRICELESS DAUGHTER. HOW COULD HE BE EXPECTED TO KILL HER?

IT MUST BE THAT THE PRINCESS HERSELF FINALLY REALIZED THE ERROR OF HER WAYS ONCE THE BATTLE WAS JOINED.

YOUR HIGHNESS, I BEG YOU. PLEASE SHOW MERCY IN YOUR JUDGMENT...

.....

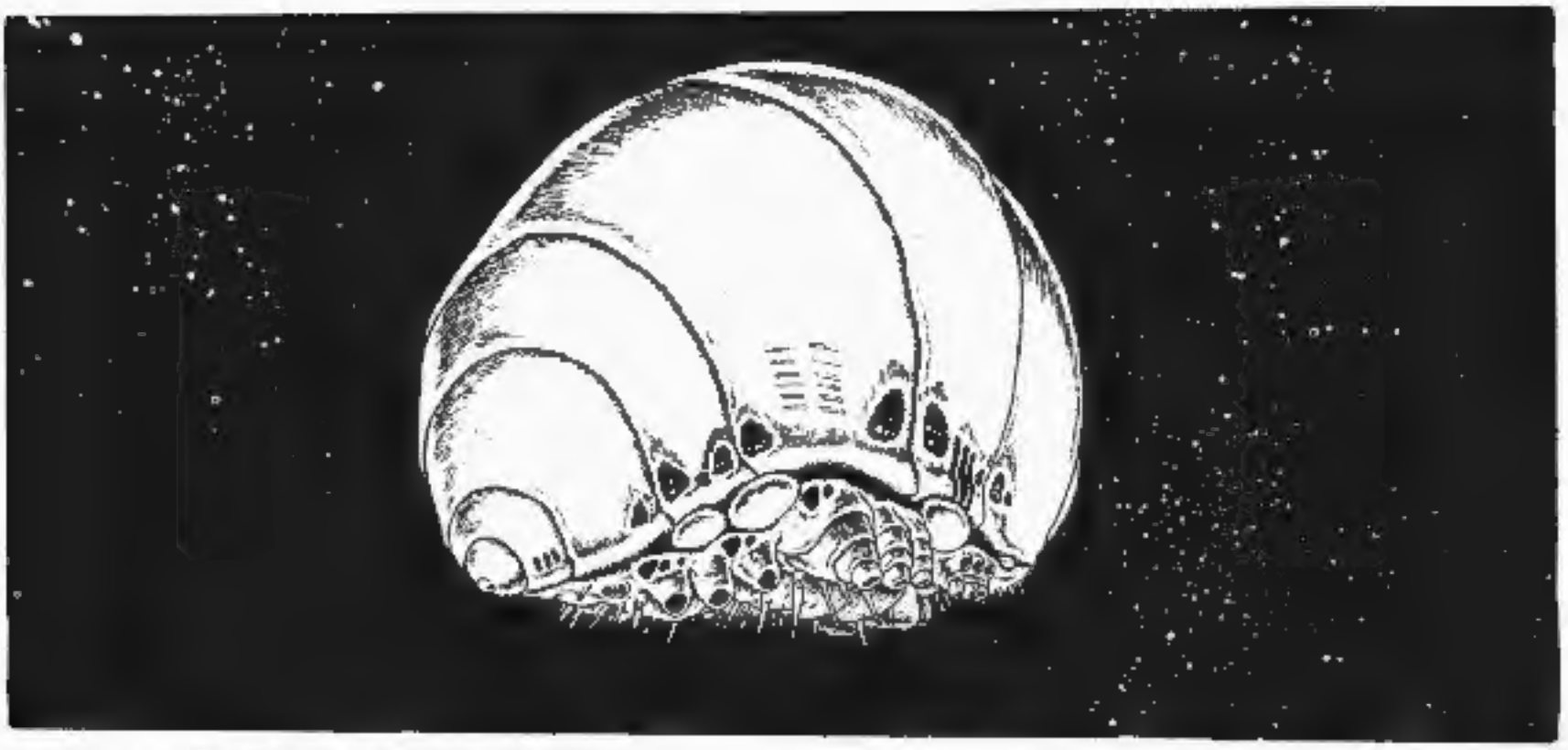
WELL, THEN. HAVE SERULHI REPORT HERE AT ONCE.

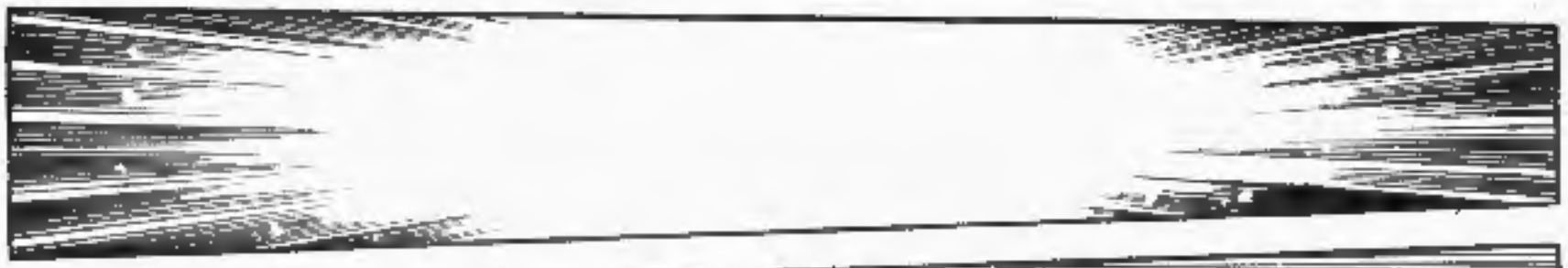
WE WISH TO HEAR HIS STORY.

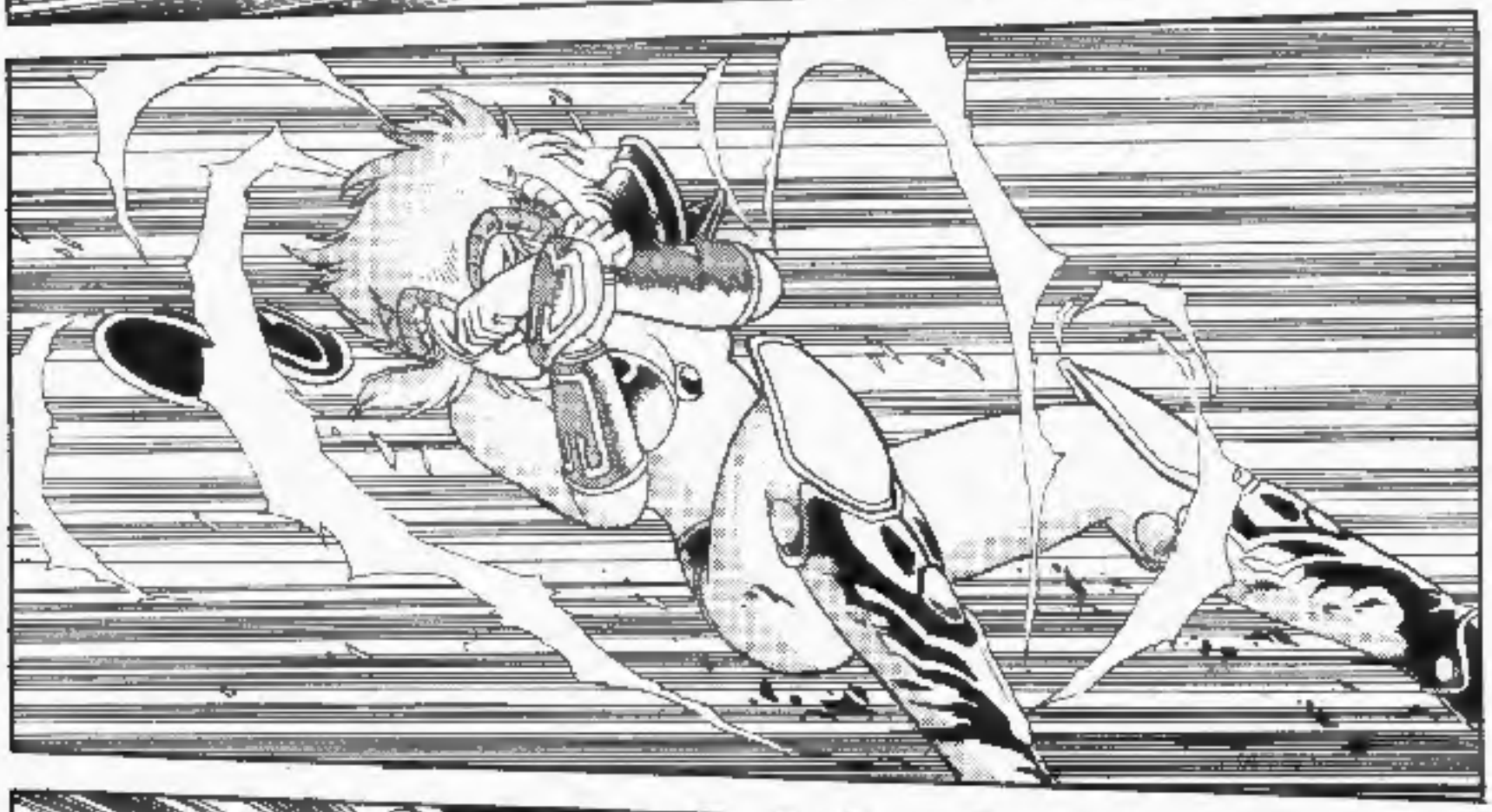
THAT IS, *uh* SOMEWHAT DIFFICULT...

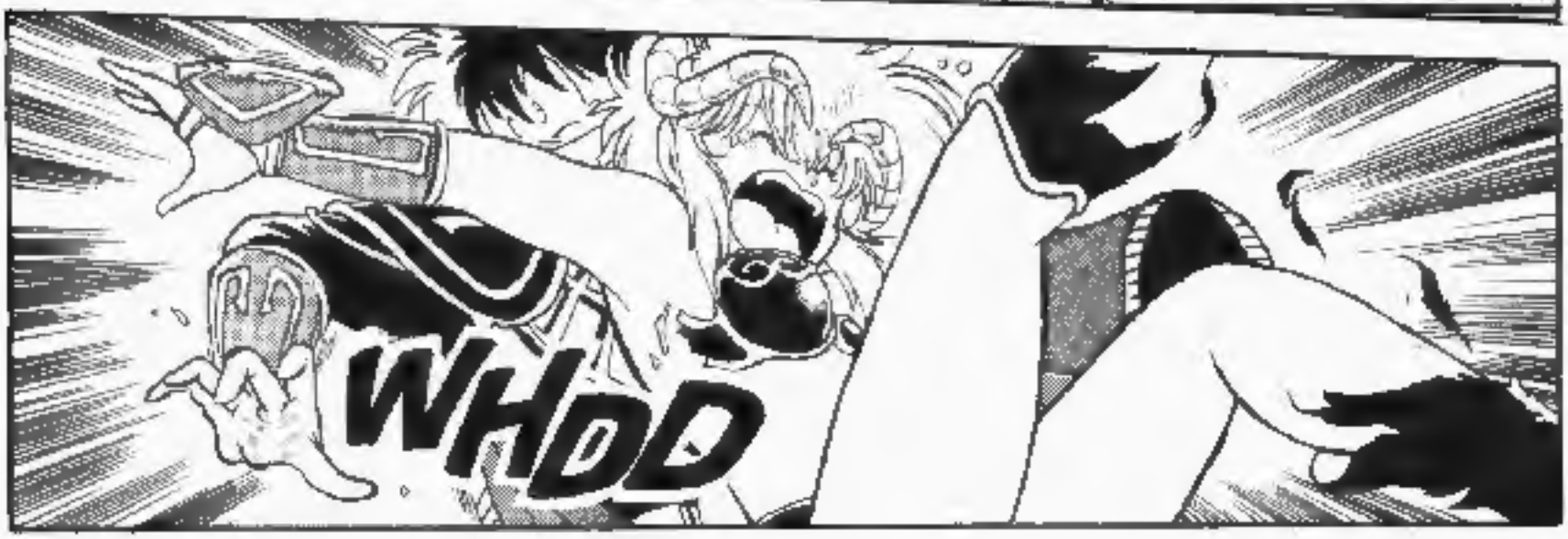
DIFFICULT ? *HHH?!*

MY LORD... THERE IS NO SIGN OF THE GENERAL'S FLAGSHIP, THE KAISA...
...AND NONE OF THE SHIPS IN THE FLEET RESPONDS TO OUR CALLS!
WHAT ?!
BERUFA! THEY MUST NOT BE ALLOWED NEAR THE IMPERIAL PLANET!
SHOOT THEM DOWN !
Y-YOUR HIGHNESS ?
BUT... THEY ARE YOUR OWN MEN--
HAVEN'T YOU NOTICED, YOU FOOL?!
CAN YOU NOT FEEL THE THROBBING HATRED IN THE AIR?!





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AAAH!
KAHM!
I...I'M FINE. D-DON'T WORRY...
ENOUGH IS ENOUGH!
DEFY ME ONCE MORE AND YOU PERISH!
OH, YEAH?! IF YOU THINK YOU CAN KILL ME, GO AHEAD AND TRY!
FOR GOD'S SAKE, KAHM, BE SENSIBLE!! THE NEXT TIME IT WON'T BE JUST YOUR ARM!
BUT, TETSUYA...
KAHM, IT WOULD SEEM YOU STILL DON'T UNDERSTAND YOUR POSITION VERY WELL.
DO YOU REALLY THINK THAT I CAN BE DEFEATED BY SUCH AS YOU?

THE EARTH ?!!
QUITE SO .IT COLLIDED WITH THE MOON THEY'VE BOTH RETURNED TO THE PRIMORDIAL FIREBALL, SO TO SPEAK
A NATURAL FATE FOR HAVING DARED TO TURN AGAINST ME
FWMP
YOU YOU'RE LYING
HOW COULD YOU
I SHALL PERMIT NO PLANET TO EXIST WHOSE INHABITANTS OPPOSE MY WILL
THAT'S ENOUGH !!

TETSUYAA!
T-TETSUYA!?
SPEAK TO ME!!
TETSUYA! KAHM! LOOK AT THAT!
WHAT THE HELL??

YEEEEEK!

ALL RIGHT!! I DON'T KNOW WHO THE HELL YOU ARE, BUT I WANT MY FRIEND BACK RIGHT NOW.!!

HMPH

THERE WILL BE *NO MERCY* FOR THE *SANTOVASK EMPIRE!*

SHUT UP! GET OUT OF HER DAMMIT! LEAVE HER ALONE!

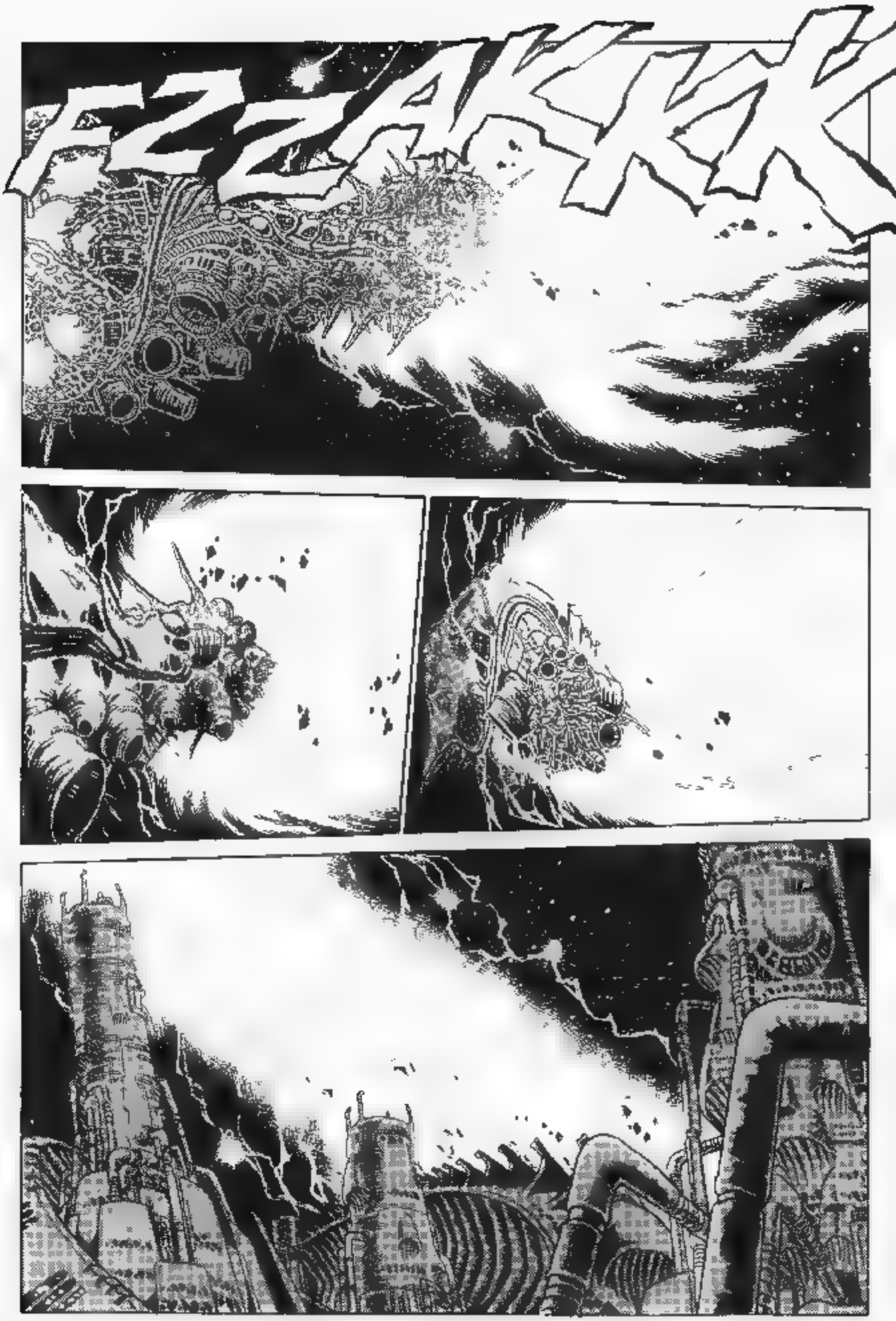
GIVE ME BACK MY **AKI!**

GOD DAMN IT, SHE MEANS A LOT TO ME!!
KILL!
KILL!!

TETSUYA DON'T!
KEEP AWAY!!
Jiehr!!
TETSUYA!!
ENHOFF
UWAH!

A
AKI
SHE MUST HAVE TELEPORTED OUT OF THE SHIP
FOR A MOMENT, SHE CAME BACK TO HER SENSES, TETSUYA
I GUESS SHE MUST HAVE REALLY LIKED YOU, TETSUYA.
.....
IT WAS BECAUSE THAT FEELING WAS SO STRONG THAT THEY COULDN'T TAKE OVER HER SPIRIT COMPLETELY
SHE MUST HAVE FOUGHT THEM DESPERATELY.
DAMNED RIGHT, SHE DID! AKI ISN'T THE KIND OF WOMAN TO LET HERSELF BE RUN BY A BUNCH OF GHOSTS!
BUT AT THE SAME TIME IT MUST BE TORTURE FOR HER
THEY LEFT HER A HUMAN HEART
AKI!!

BOSS!! THE MAIN GUN—IT'S FIRING BY ITSELF!
WHAT?!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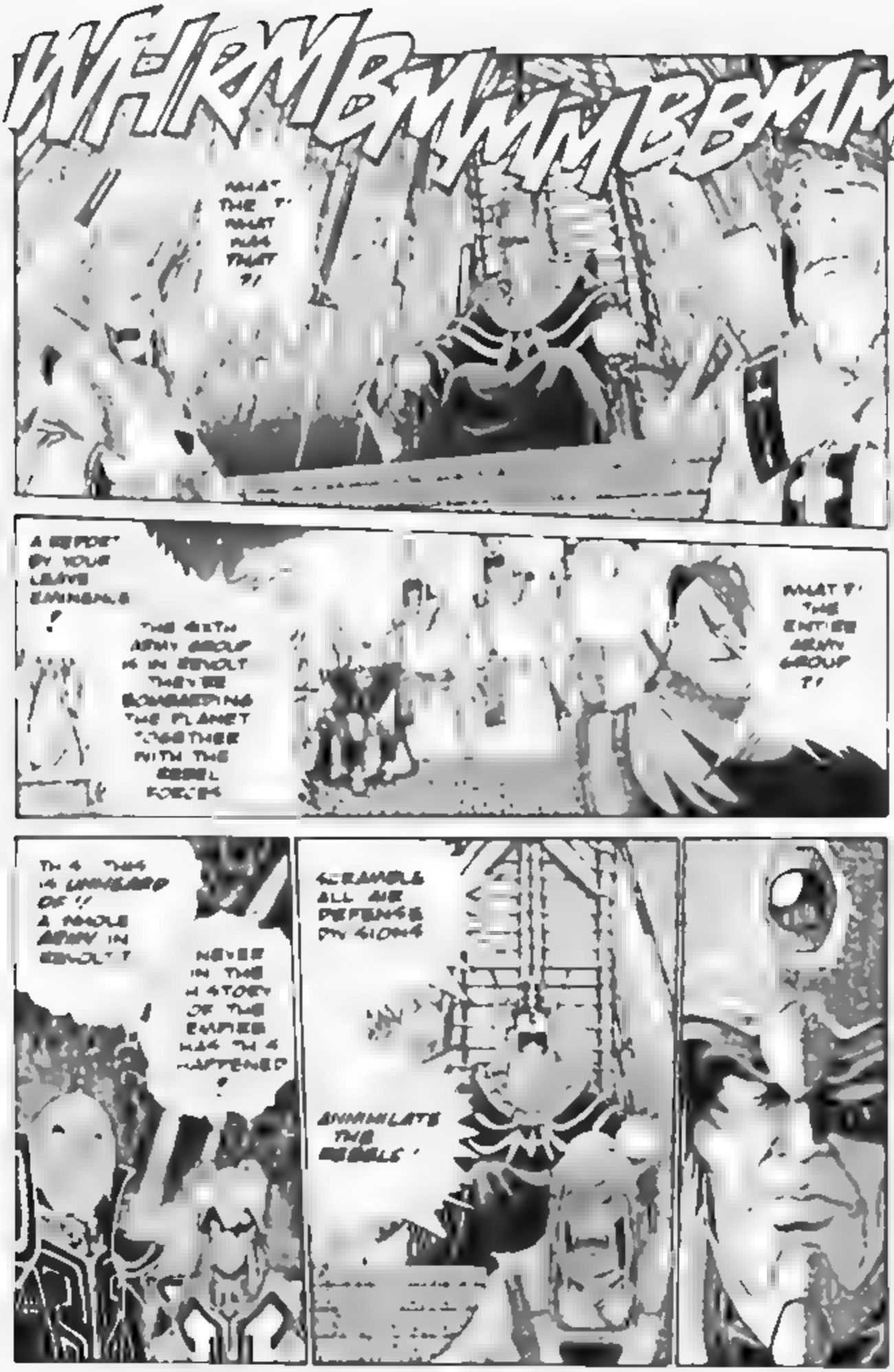
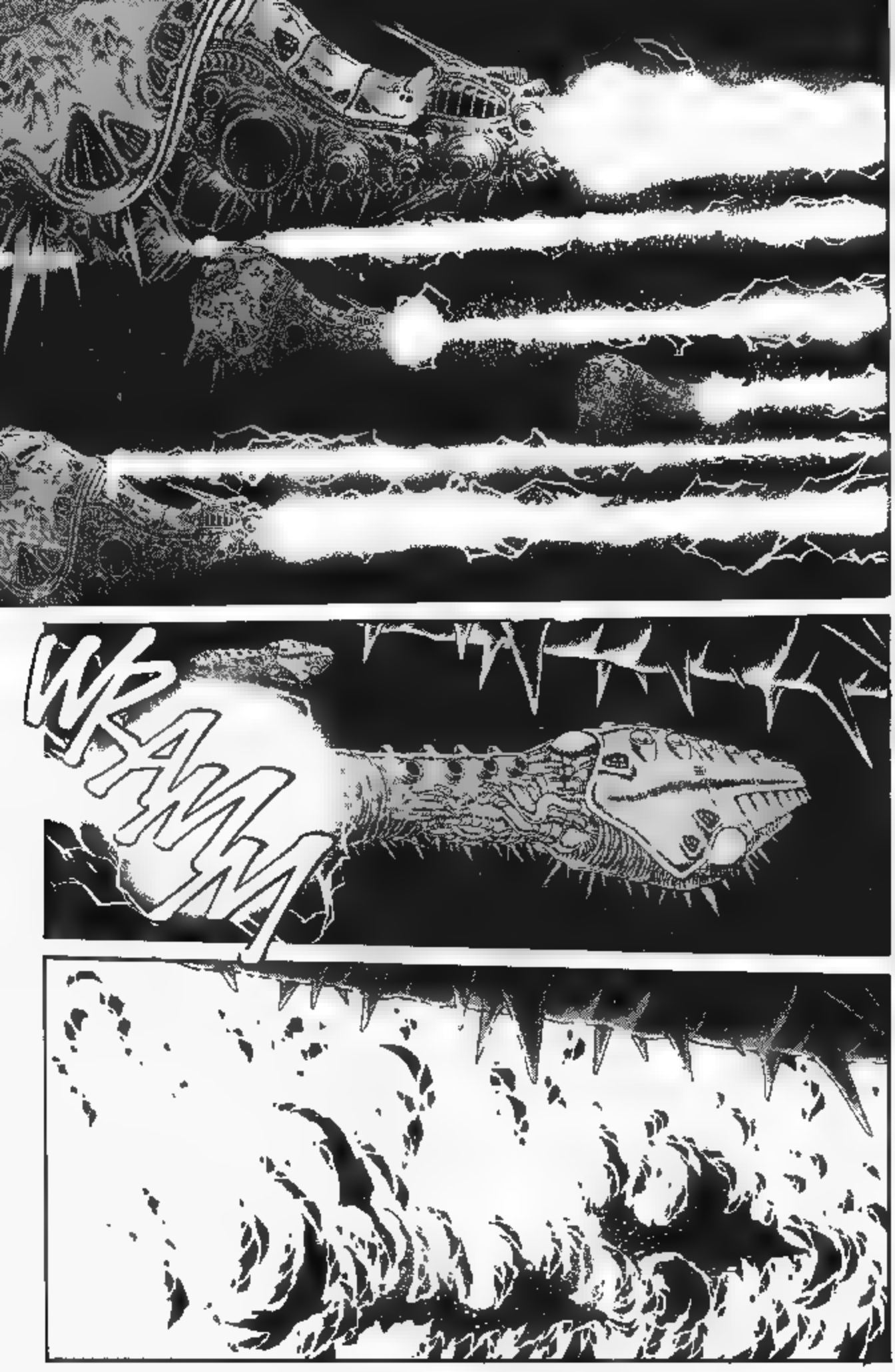

WHAT THE ?! WHAT WAS THAT ?!
A REPORT BY YOUR LEAVE EARNINGS !
THE 6TH ARMY GROUP IS IN REVOLT THEY'RE BOMBARDING THE PLANET TOGETHER WITH THE REBEL FORCES
WHAT ?! THE ENTIRE ARMY GROUP ?!
TH-THIS IS UNHEARD OF !! A MAGGE ARMY IN REVOLT ?
NEVER IN THE HISTORY OF THE EMPIRE HAS THIS HAPPENED !
SCRAMBLE ALL AIR DEFENCE DIVISIONS
ANNIHILATE THE REBELS !

SKAK
WHKOOOM

WWWWWWWW
WEEOOUU
WEEOOUU

FWAAAK


WRAAM

BOM
BOM
BOM
BOM

BLOODY HELL! CAN'T WE DO ANYTHING?!
I'M DAMNED IF I'M GOING TO DIE WITHOUT A FIGHT!
IT LOOKS TO ME LIKE SOMEONE OUT THERE IS USING US
USING US? WHO THE HELL IS IT? I'LL TEAR THEIR STINKIN HEART OUT!!
THAT HUMAN FEMALE THAT TETSUYA KEEPS CALLING "MOM"!
IS HER THAT SORCERESS?!

WAIT !!
I'LL DEAL WITH IT ANGEL!

KNHOOSH

HEH HEH HOW DO YOU LIKE IT, QUEVAS? HOW DOES IT FEEL TO HAVE YOUR PLANET ATTACKED BY YOUR OWN LOYAL TROOPS?
BUT THE REAL FUN IS JUST BEGINNING.

WHAM
BOOM

SO YOU'VE FINALLY COME OUT TO FIGHT, HAVE YOU.

THE HATRED OF OUR CLAN, CONCENTRATED OVER ALL THESE YEARS..
WHAT THE HELL IS THAT?!
FEEL OUR POWER. NOW!!
FATHER..

WHOOOOM

IS IT OVER ?

PITIFUL SPIRITS. IS THAT THE BEST YOU CAN DO?!
?!
I AM THE IMPERIAL GALACTIC EMPEROR! I HOLD SWAY OVER ALL THE KNOWN UNIVERSE! I AM THE UNIVERSE ITSELF!
YOU CANNOT DESTROY ME! I AM INVINCIBLE!

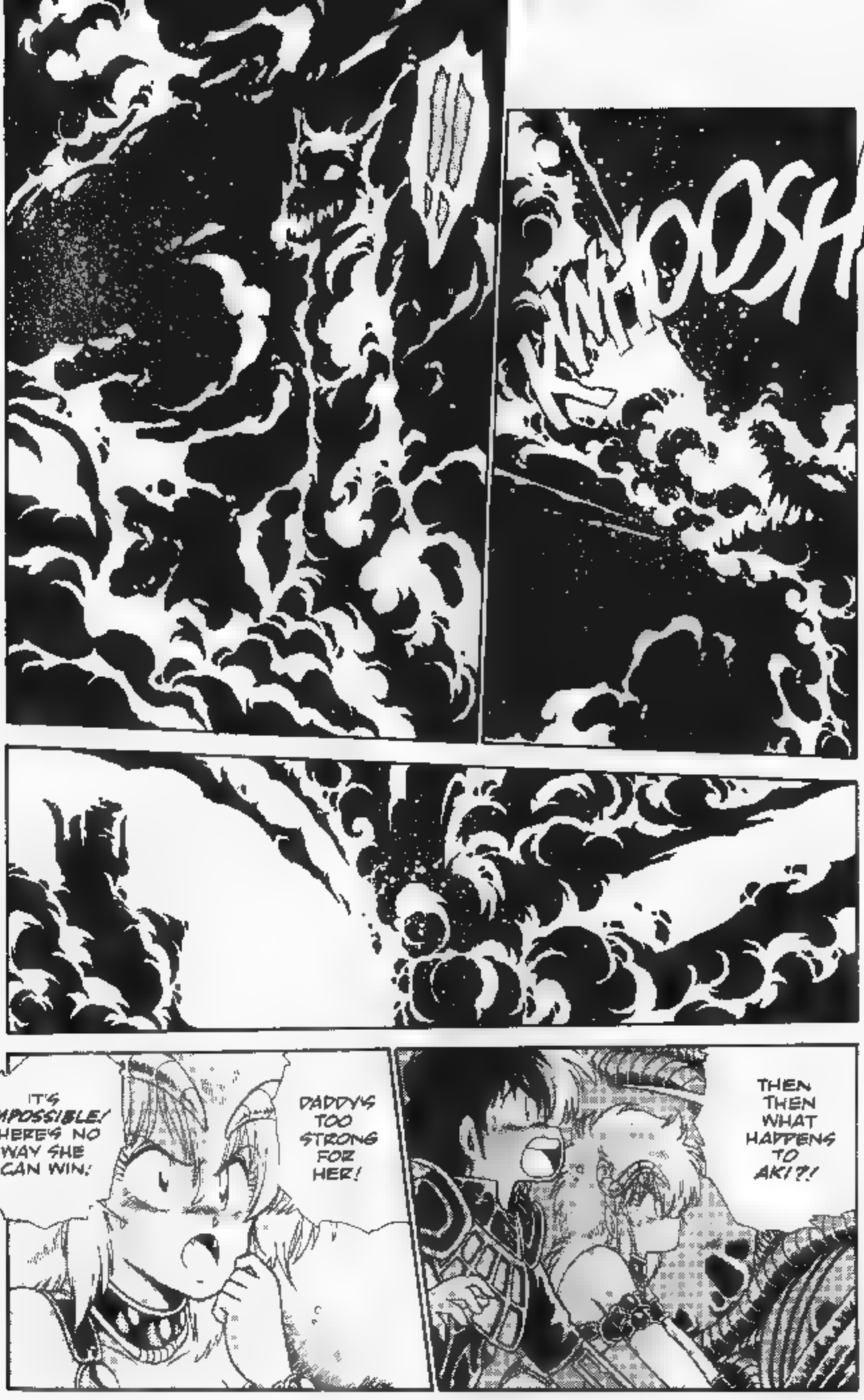
DAMN YOU TO HELL !!
GRAAARR

NOT YOU THEN AT LEAST I'LL PROTECT THIS TOY PLANET OF YOURS!!

FZAKK
RRAOO

RRA1000

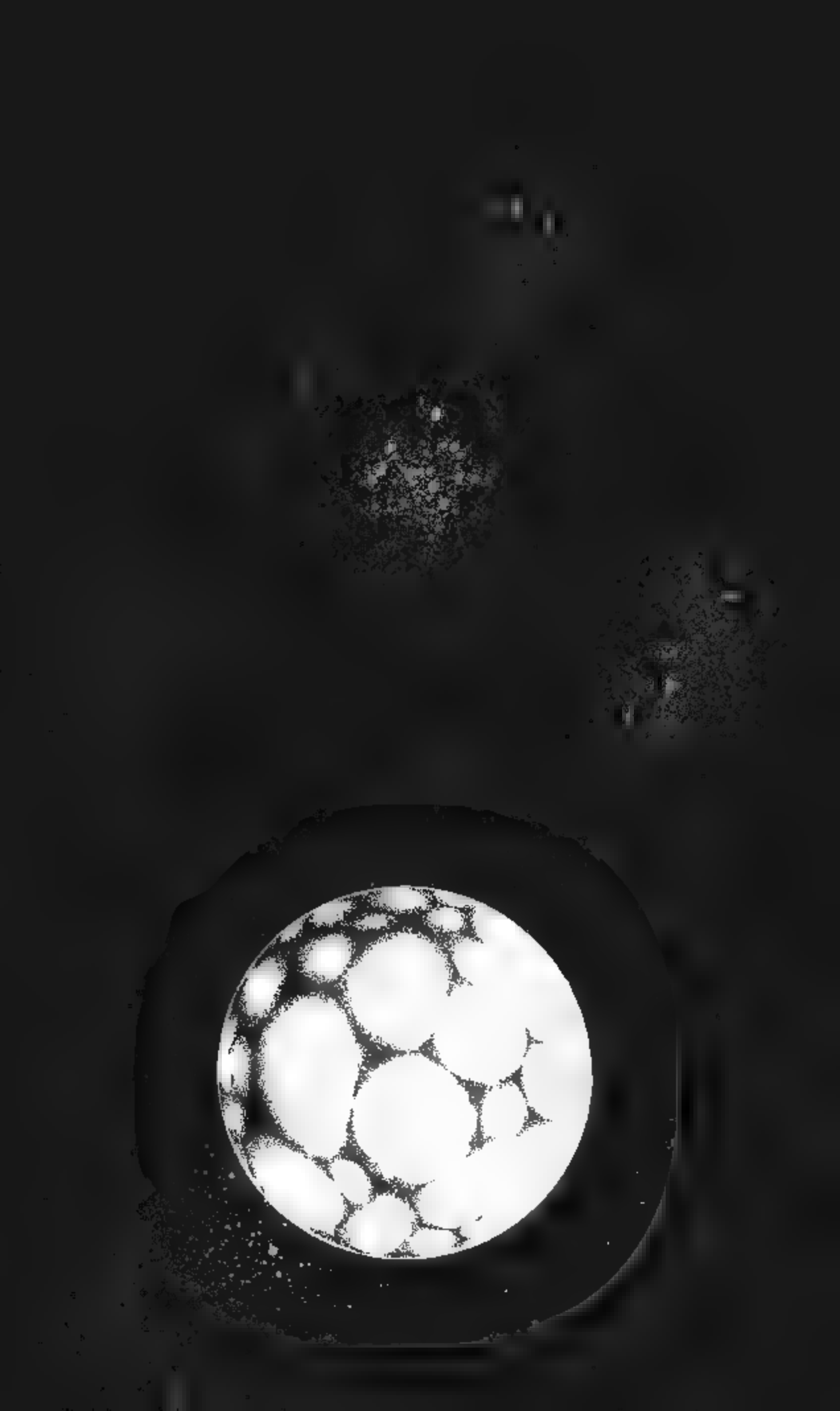
GGRRAA


WHOOSH
IT'S IMPOSSIBLE! THERE'S NO WAY SHE CAN WIN!
DADDY'S TOO STRONG FOR HER!
THEN THEN WHAT HAPPENS TO AKI?!

RMBERMBERMB
FOOLISH YOMA CLAN.
VANISH FROM THIS UNIVERSE AT LAST FOREVER !!

AAAAAAAAA

We are.. defeated ?!
What madness is this.? We are far stronger than Quevas !!
We can't concentrate our energies. someone is resisting..
Heresy!! Who is the heretic?!
It's that woman !
That human, the gate for us to enter this world-- she is trying to bar the door!
Extinguish her!
TETSUYA
No! Stop! Without that woman, we cannot exist!
Only through her can we manifest on this plane!
if the gate is closed, we will be sealed away... forever... in nothingness



IT'S GONE..
VANISHED? COMPLETELY?
AKI ?
AKI!!
KLIK
VREEEE
THE SHIP'S COME BACK TO LIFE!

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I'M SORRY
I'VE DONE A TERRIBLE THING, HAVEN'T I?
THE EARTH ITSELF
HOW CAN YOU EVER FORGIVE ME?
IT'S ALL RIGHT, AKI
THAT THAT WASN'T YOUR FAULT
THANK YOU.
REALLY, TETSUYA. YOU'RE SUCH A GENTLE BOY
AKI! TRY TO HOLD ON!
YOU CAN'T DIE! NOT HERE-- NOT LIKE THIS!

AHHH.. I FEEL LIKE I'VE BEEN TRAPPED IN SOME SORT OF BAD DREAM
I REMEMBER... I WAS JUST A REPORTER... AND YOU WERE MY PHOTOGRAPHER.
I WISH WE COULD GO BACK TO THOSE DAYS.
AK. ?
KAHM! CAN'T YOU DO ANYTHING FOR HER ?!
PLEASE! TRY TO SAVE HER!
WELL.
IF IT WAS JUST A PHYSICAL INJURY, I MIGHT BE ABLE TO, BUT..
THE SPIRITS OF THE VOMA CLAN THAT POSSESSED HER... THEY'VE DRAINED HER LIFE ENERGY. TO MEND THAT IS BEYOND MY POWER
ISN'T THERE ANYTHING YOU CAN DO ?!
I.. I'M SORRY, TETSUYA. I JUST DON'T HAVE THE POWER.
DON'T FEEL SO BAD, KAHM.
THERE'S NOTHING YOU NEED TO APOLOGIZE FOR.

I'M GLAD I WAS ABLE TO SEE YOUR WEDDING, AT LEAST

YOU WERE SUCH A BEAUT.FUL COUPLE, REALLY YOU WERE..

KAHH. I'M COUNTING ON YOU T.' LOOK OUT FOR TETSUYA OKAY?

BE.. BE HAPPY TOGETHER

I PROMISE.

AKI ?

AKI!!

AKI!!
NO!!
WAAAHHH!

WHY DID THIS HAVE TO HAPPEN TO YOU, AKI?
FROM THE DAY I WAS HIRED AT THE PAPER, YOU WERE LIKE A BIG SISTER TO ME..
YOU WERE ALWAYS ON MY CASE, BUT YOU MEANT WELL.. AND IT WAS FUN BEING OUT ON ASSIGNMENT WITH YOU.
YOU WERE SO RESPONSIBLE YOU THREW YOURSELF INTO YOUR WORK..
COMPARED TO YOU, I WAS SUCH A LITTLE KID.. AKI.
TETSUYA, ? DON'T BE SO SAD.
YEAH
WE'VE GOT TO DO OUR BEST, NOW.. MAKE HER PROUD.
YEAH
WE'LL BE HAPPY TOGETHER, SOMEDAY I KNOW WE WILL
YEAH

IT'S OVER
EVERYTHING OVER AT LAST
THE EMPEROR !!
FATHER !!
THEY LIVED ON FOR HUNDREDS OF THOUSANDS OF YEARS FED BY NOTHING MORE THAN HATRED FOR OUR EMPIRE NOW THIS P TIFUL SHELL IS ALL THAT REMAINS
LOOK WELL !!
YOU YOU SON OF A BITCH !!
TETSUYA NAT

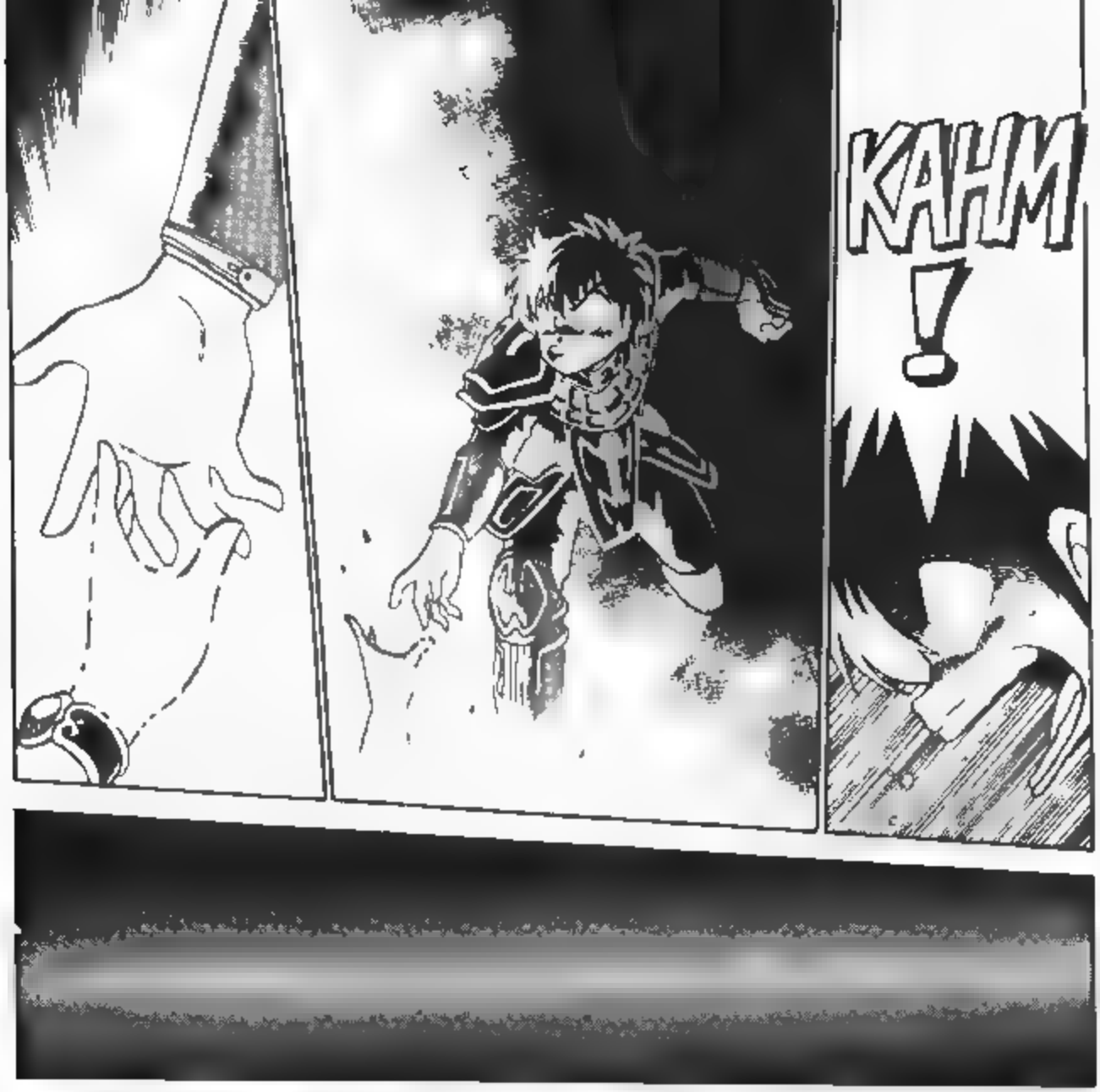
FATHER YOU SAID IT WAS OVER
JUST EXACTLY WHAT IS OVER.?
I'VE BEEN THINKING THERE WAS SOMETHING FISHY ABOUT ALL THIS!
THIS WHOLE WAR WAS JUST A TRAP TO DRAW OUT AND DESTROY THE YOMA CLAN. WASN'T IT?! FROM THE VERY BEGINNING!
FOR MILLENNIA, THE CONTINUED EXISTENCE OF THE YOMA CLAN AND THE SACRED PLANET HAS BEEN A MILLSTONE AROUND THE NECK OF THE EMPIRE.
THE TIME HAD COME TO DESTROY SUCH FOOLISH LEGENDS, ONCE AND FOR ALL, TO ASSURE THE TRUE STABILITY OF THE GALAXY.
BUT THE OLD TEACHINGS THAT THE SACRED PLANET WAS OUR ORIGINAL HOMELAND GOT IN YOUR WAY, DIDN'T THEY?
AND THAT'S WHY YOU MADE UP THE EXCUSE THAT IT HAD BEEN "INVADED" BY HUMANS!
YOU MEAN YOU SACRIFICED MY ENTIRE RACE JUST TO GET RID OF THOSE LOUSY GHOSTS?!
DADDY! HOW COULD YOU?! THAT'S TOO MUCH!

SMALL SACRIFICES FOR THE GREATER GOOD ARE ALWAYS NECESSARY.
THE HUMAN RACE WAS AN ACCEPTABLE PRICE TO PAY FOR THE FINAL DESTRUCTION OF THE YOMA CLAN.
THAT'S NOT FAIR! IT'S NOT FAIR TO TETSUYA AND ALL HIS PEOPLE!
WHAT RIGHT DID WE HAVE TO DRAG THEM INTO OUR OWN WAR?!
KAHM: IT IS THROUGH ACTS SUCH AS THESE THAT WE PRESERVE THE STABILITY OF THE EMPIRE, INDEED, OF ALL KNOWN SPACE!
IT IS OBVIOUS THAT YOUR EDUCATION IN STATESMANSHIP HAS BEEN DEFICIENT..
IN TIMES TO COME, YOU MUST FOLLOW IN MY FOOTSTEPS AS THE EMPRESS OF THE SANTOYASKU EMPIRE
IN READINESS FOR THAT DAY, YOU MUST BE AT MY SIDE TO LEARN THE ARTS OF KINGSHIP REQUIRED OF A TRUE LEADER!
NOW COME WITH ME!!
I WANT NO MORE DELAYS OR DIFFICULTIES!
NO WAY!!
AS LONG AS YOU REFUSE TO ACCEPT OUR MARRIAGE, I'D RATHER DIE THAN GO HOME!!

STOP THIS NONSENSE, CHILD !!
THIS IS NOT YOUR FATHER SPEAKING !
THIS IS AN ORDER FROM THE EMPEROR OF THE GALAXY !!
WHAT'S THE DIFF?!
BLEAUGHH!
HEY HOLD ON A SECOND, HERE! KAHM HERSELF IS SAYING SHE DOESN'T WANT TO GO HOME WITH YOU SO WHAT'S ALL THIS "ORDERING" STUFF?.
YEAH, YEAH NO KIDDING !
WE'VE ALREADY GOTTEN MARRIED, SO THERE! YOU CAN'T TEAR US APART NOW!
COME BACK TO ME!!

SIN-STAINED DAUGHTER OF MY BLOOD !!
STILL YOU DARE TO DEFY MY WILL?!
ENOUGH!!

TETSUYA !
KAHM !!


KAHM!

AEE· PRINCESS KAHM DISAPPEARED !!
YOU WHAT THE HELL HAVE YOU DONE W.TH HER?..
I WILL SPARE YOUR MISERABLE LIFE
NOW, BEGONE! AND NEVER RETURN !

SCREW YOU!! GIVE ME BACK MY WIFE !!
FORGET HER! BELIEVE ME, BOY ,T WILL BE BETTER FOR YOU THAT WAY
FOR I VERY MUCH DOUBT THAT KAHM WILL REMEMBER YOU
NOW, GO !!
W-WAIT !! WHAT ARE YOU GOING TO DO TO HER ?!
YOU BASTARD! RUN AWAY, WILL YOU?: COME BACK HERE YOU GODDAMN COWARD!!
TETSUYA.
GOD DAMN IT...

GODDAMN IT ALL!!
MR TETSUYA. WH-WHAT ARE YOU DOING?!
WHAT DOES IT LOOK LIKE IM DOING?! IM GOING TO GET KAHM!!
WHAAAAAT?!
ALL RIGHT!! WAY TO GO, TETSUYA!!
OKAY YOU GUYS! BACK TO YOUR STATIONS, ALL OF YOU! HURRY!
WE'RE MOVING OUT!!
NO, NO, NOT THAT ONE! USE THE LEFT FOOT PEDAL!
WELL HELL, IF YOU'RE SUCH A HOTSHOT PILOT, WHY DON'T YOU FLY IT YOURSELF?!
MY LEGS ARE TOO SHORT!
JEEZUZ!

VRNNVRNNVRNN
VNNN

HAW HAW HAW!! TAKE THAT, YOU BASTARDS!

NOW THAT WE'VE GOT OUR CONTROLS BACK, THEY'RE DEAD MEAT.

!!

HEY, BOSS! SOMETHING'S WRONG WITH THE PRINCESS SHIP! IT'S ACTING FUNNY!

WHAT DO YOU MEAN?

CHECK IT OUT BOSS. THEY'RE GOING STRAIGHT DOWN!

DOESN'T LOOK LIKE THEY'RE HIT

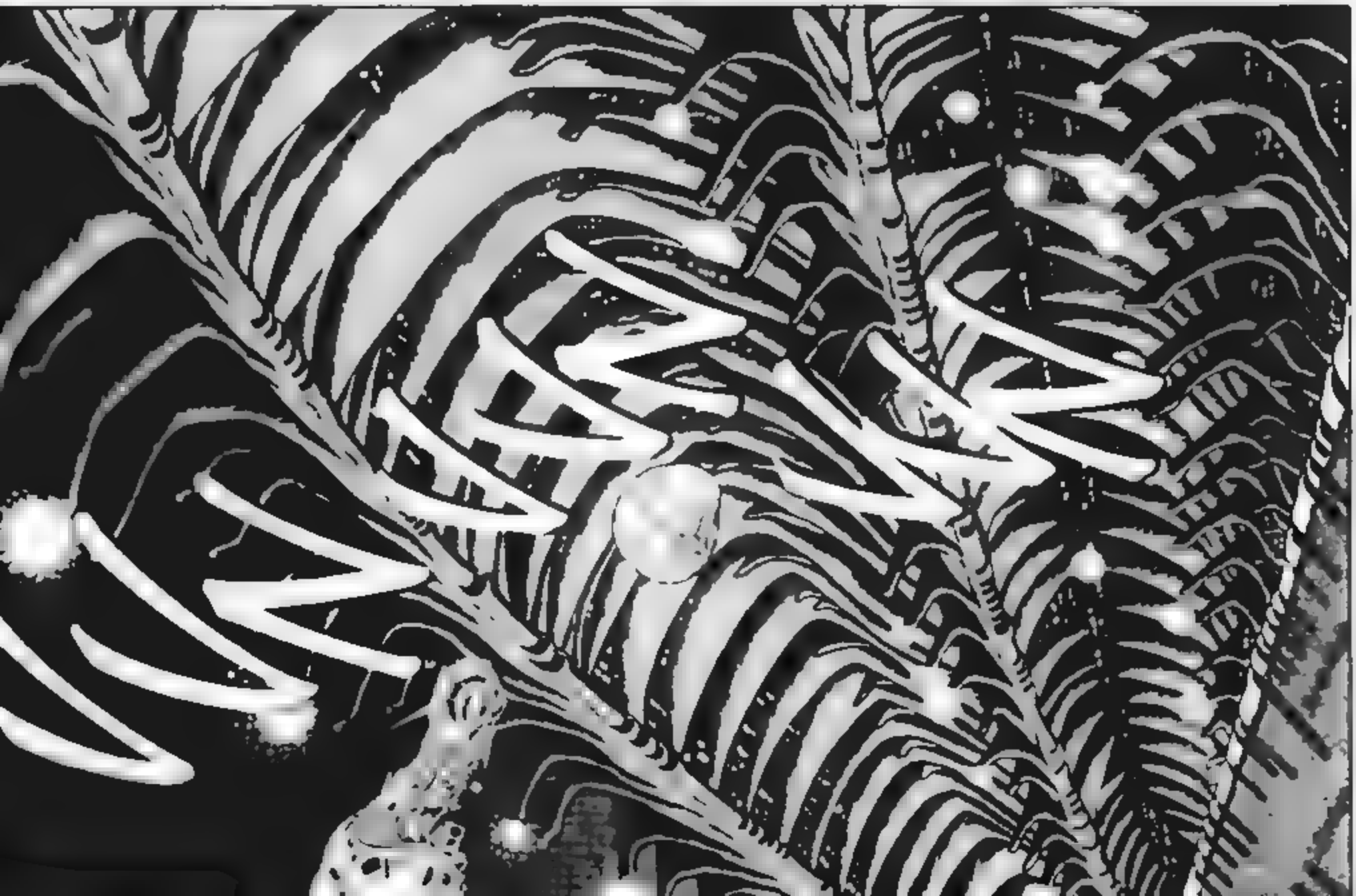
IT'S STRANGE.. THEY SHOULD HAVE GOTTEN THEIR CONTROLS BACK THE SAME TIME AS US.

HEY! YOU KIDS OVER THERE! WHAT THE HELL ARE YOU UP TO?!

WHERE DO YOU THINK YOU'RE GOING? HEY, ANSWER ME! WHO'S AT THE CONTROLS?!

AW, SHUDDUP!

WHAT THE HELL?! THE PRINCESS HAS BEEN KIDNAPPED ?!
Y-YES SIR IT'S AWFUL JUST AWFUL!!
THIS IS BAD GEORALDY--ONCE SHE'S IN THE EMPEROR'S HANDS THERE'S NOTHING WE CAN DO
NOTHIN EXCEPT BUSTING OUR WAY IN THERE AND GETTIN HER OUT AGAIN, EH T!
GARI!!
GOT IT, BOSS! LEAVE IT TO US!
WELL HELL I WAS GETTIN T'RED OF BEIN COOPED UP IN TH'S TIN CAN ANYWAY GOTTA BLOW OFF SOME STEAM!
NICE TO GET SOME EXERCISE CRACK SOME HEADS..



BOSS, THE REST OF THE BOYS HAVE THEIR HANDS FULL WITH THE IMPERIALS-- NO ONE CAN FOLLOW US
OUR REAR IS GONNA BE TOTALLY UNDEFENDED !
WELL CAN'T DO ANYTHING ABOUT IT CAN WE? YOU WANT SOMETHIN DONE RIGHT DO IT YOURSELF
BOOM
BOOM
BOOM
WKOOM
YA AHH!

GOT A TARGET LOCK ON FLAK BATTERIES. DEAD AHEAD!
HOLD HER STEADY.. IN RANGE- NOW !!
FIRE!!
FZZZAKK
WRAAAAAAAN

GEOBALDI!
HEY, TETSUYA. DON'T GET CARRIED AWAY!
I'LL BLOW OPEN A PATH FOR YOU-- YOU SNEAK IN BEHIND US.
BUT THEN YOU'LL--
WE GOT A THICKER HIDE THAN YOU, BOY! NOW DO AS I SAY AND GET BEHIND US!!
ONE OF THE MAIN DOCKS IS STRAIGHT AHEAD-- FOLLOW US IN!.
FZZAK

WRAM
WRAM
WRAM
OUTTA MY WAY JERKINEEPS
FZZAKK

WHOOM
WHOOM

GEORGE!! YOU OKAY?!
VUNVUNVUNVUN
STILL FLYIN AIN'T WE? KEEP MOVIN'!!

WHKRoom

BOMA SHE CAN'T TAKE ANYMORE SHE'S GOIN TO PIECES !!
STOP YOUR WHIMPERIN BOY
GET US TO THE DOCK IF TIS THE LAST THING YOU DO
GRNN
GRNN
GRNN
DOCK PORTAL N SIGHT RANGE TWELVE THOUSAND AND CLOSING !!

THEY'RE CLOSING THE GATE!
BLOW IT AWAY !!
VVVVVVVV
FFFAAAKKK
EKKOOOMM

SKRAK
SKRASHOOM
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SKRAKKKKK
WHOOOOM
YAAAA-AAAAA-IIEE!!
ALL RIGHT, BOYS!!
HUH. THE OLD BUCKET DID A GOOD JOB

I'M GOING TOO !
I SAID NO AND I MEAN NO!!
AND JUST WHY NOT, HUH?! I'M GOING WITH YOU, WHETHER YOU LIKE IT OR NOT!
NO WAY !!
THEN TELL ME WHY, OKAY?! I CAN FIGHT TOO, YOU KNOW!
FORGET IT! YOU DON'T HAVE ANY EXPERIENCE!
AS IF YOU DO!!
YEAH, BUT AT LEAST I'M A MAN!
AHAH! SEX DISCRIMINATION!
LISTEN TO ME, WOULD YOU?! I'M SAYING IT'S TOO DANGEROUS OUT THERE FOR A WOMAN!
IT'S DANGEROUS EVERYWHERE DOWN HERE !!
BESIDES, IF I WAS KAHM, YOU'D TAKE ME WITH YOU !
OH, ALL RIGHT! HAVE IT YOUR WAY! JUST DON'T DO ANYTHING CRAZY, OKAY ?!
YAHOO !!

WH...
WHAT THE ?!
WE'RE READY FOR ACTION, MR TETSUYA !
HUH ?!
THE NUBA TRIBE PLEDGES TO FIGHT BY YOUR SIDE
WE'LL ALL GO SAVE THE PRINCESS KANNA TOGETHER !!
FIGHT!!
FIGHT!

DADDY, DADDY, LET ME FIGHT TOO!

WELL SAID, LAD! YOU'RE A CHIP OFF THE OLD BLOCK!

YAHOO!

HERE YOU GO, EVERYBODY-- FRESH-BAKED! GET YOUR STRENGTH UP BEFORE THE BATTLE!

NAO...

EH.

ALL OF YOU PLEASE STAY HERE

FIX THE SHIP, AND GUARD IT WITH YOUR LIFE!

WHAAAAT??

YOU GOT THAT?

HOW COULD YOU?! DO YOU THINK WE'D JUST GET IN THE WAY??!

NOT AT ALL.

BUT IF THE SHIP WON'T FLY WHEN I COME BACK WITH KAHM THEN WE'LL ALL BE IN TROUBLE, RIGHT?

YEAH, GEE GOOD POINT
BUT GOSH, BOSS
AND YOU BETTER BELIEVE IT-- I AM BRINGING HER BACK! SHE'S COMING HOME WITH ME!!
SO MAKE SURE THE SHIP'S READY TO GO I'M COUNTING ON YOU GUYS!!
EVERYBODY! PARADE FORMATION !!
TO MR. TETSUYA AND PRINCESS KAHM'S SUCCESS IN BATTLE !!
?
PRESENNNNT ARMS !

AW, C'MON, YOU GUYS!
CUT IT OUT! IT'S EMBARRASSING!
MR TETSJYA, PLEASE COME BACK..!
PROMISE US!!
YOU BET! CROSS MY HEART!
OH, MISS RAISA, I'VE GOT SUCH A BAD FEELING ABOUT THIS
DON'T BE SILLY C'MON! YOU LOOK LIKE A SICK FROG!
RAISA?
READY!
OKAY THEN
LET'S GO

WHOOSH!
EEEYAHH! THIS IS GREAT!!
EASIER THAN MY MOTORCYCLE FOR SURE!!!
HEY DON'T GET COCKY CRAZY WOMEN DRIVERS
DAMN! WHERE ARE YOU?
TETSUYA!!

GEOBALDI!
HEY, LET US JOIN THE FUN!
KAHM'LL PROBABLY BE IN THE EMPEROR'S INNER CHAMBERS!
I'LL SHOW YOU THE WAY!

HEY TETSUYA !
WHDD
GNOOF !
GLUG GLUG
GOOD STUFF !!
YAHOO!!

REBEL INSURGENTS HAVE PENETRATED THE IMPERIAL PALACE! REPEAT REBEL INSURGENTS HAVE PENETRATED THE IMPERIAL PALACE!
ALL UNITS, EMPLOY MAXIMUM FORCE!
ANNIHILATE THE INTRUDERS!

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BOOK TWENTY-NINE

REBEL INTRUDERS IN IMPERIAL CAPITAL DISTRICT FOUR-ZERO-SEVEN-SEVEN! NOW DESCENDING TOWARD CENTRAL CONTROL LEVELS ALL UNITS, RED ALERT !!
ALL CAPITAL DEFENSE UNITS, ENCIRCLE THE REBEL FORCES AND DESTROY THEM ALL!
ZSHHKSH

OH MY GOD! IT'S INCREDIBLE!!

YEAH, IT'S SOMETHING, ALL RIGHT BET IT BLOWS YOUR MIND, HUH?

OF COURSE, I'M USED TO THIS SORT OF THING I'VE BEEN HERE BEFORE HEH HEH

OH, YEAH RIGHT!! AREN'T WE THE GREAT AND WONDERFUL GALACTIC TRAVELER!!

GAO!

YAIEE!

I'M SORRY!

I APOLOGIZE! I APOLOGIZE!

GODDAMMIT, TETSUYA-- SHAPE UP, YOU DRUNKARD! THEY'RE COMING!

HIC

BOOOO
ATTACK!!
FZKKK
BAM

WHKOOM
YAHOOO!
BUDDA BUDDA
DON'T BOTHER WITH THE LITTLE FISH! WE'RE PUNCHING THROUGH THEIR LINES
AYE-AYE!

VRZZ
VRZZ
BKOOM!

WHOOOSHH!!
VURRMMMM
BATTIA! WHAT DO YOU MAKE OF THEIR FORMATIONS ?
THIS IS JUST A HOLDING ACT ON! I CAN FEEL THEIR MAIN FORCE COMING UP BEHIND US IT'S BIG !!
BOSS LEAVE THE BASTARDS TO US! YOU GO ON AHEAD
ALL RIGHT GAR!! I'M COUNTING ON YOU

THE REBEL FORCES HAVE DIVIDED INTO TWO WINGS. CONTINUING TO ADVANCE AT SPEED.

THE ENEMY HAS BREACHED GATE SEVENTEEN!

WHAT ARE YOU FOOLS DOING? THEY'RE JUST A HANDFUL OF RAGTAG REBELS.

BUT GRAND CHAMBERLAIN

WE'VE CLEANED UP MOST OF THEIR BATTLE FLEET!

NOW FINISH OFF THE REST OF THEM! IMMEDIATELY!

FIRST COMPANY, SECOND COMPANY, CIRCLE TO THE RIGHT!

THE REST OF YOU, FOLLOW ME!

DO YOU THINK THEY'LL BE OKAY..?
DOWN TO JUST THE FOUR OF US, NOW.. SEEZ
WHAT'S WRONG, TETSUYA?! QUAKING IN YOUR BOOTS, EH, BOY?
WHO, ME?! NO WAY, MAN!
ME AFRA D OF THE IMPERIAL ARMY?!
HAH!!
BWAHAHAHA!
THAT'S THE SPIRIT!
DON'T YOU WORRY ABOUT A THING I'LL DELIVER YOU RIGHT TO THE GATES OF THEIR DAMNED PALACE!
WELL NOW THINK I'LL ASK YOU TO DO A LITTLE MORE WORK FOR ME
SKRASSHDOOM!

VRNNRNN
RMBRMBRMBRMB
VNN
VNN
VNN
VNN

FLEAK

WHAT WAS THAT ?!
BAMBBB
THE ENEMY WARSHIP THAT BREACHED THE LOADING DOCK WAS OPENED FIRE! IT'S INSIDE THE PALACE, SIR !!
WHAT?! STOP IT! DESTROY IT!!

WHOOM

YAAH!!
WHAT'S HAPPENING ?!?
DID THEY KILL US?
CALM DOWN K.D! IT'S JUST FIRE SUPPORT FROM OUR SHIP.
"S SUPPORT"..? DON'T YOU TH NK IT'S KIND OF CLOSE?!
YAHAHA!
F IT'S NOT RIGHT ON TOP OF YOU, IT'S NO GOOD FOR NOTHING!
C'MON! IT AIN'T GONNA KILL YA!
YAIEE!

BKOOM
HOLD THE LINE, BOYS!
THIS IS WHERE WE CHOOSE TO DIE!

GEOBALDI! THEY'RE COMING!

WELL WHADDA YA KNOW

DAMNIT!

TETSUYA! DON'T LOSE IT BOY

LEAVE THIS TO ME AND GEOBALDI! YOU AND RAISA KEEP ON GOING!

JUST US?. BUT HOW--

KEEP GOING STRAIGHT, THEN IN A FEW MINUTES YOU'LL HIT A VERTICAL SHAFT--HEAD DOWN THAT
JUST KEEP GOING, ALL THE WAY TO THE BOTTOM!
BUT WHAT ABOUT YOU TWO?! THERE'S TOO MANY OF THEM--
HEY YOU THINK THOSE GUYS CAN TAKE OUT GEORALDI?
IF THEY WANT TO DO IN THIS GUY SEE
IT'S GONNA TAKE THEM AN ARMORED DIVISION OR TWO TO PULL IT OFF!!
DO YOUR BEST, KIDS!
WE'LL BE WAITING FOR YOU UPSTAIRS, SO MAKE SURE YOU BRING KAHM BACK WITH YOU ALL RIGHT?!
YOU TOO RASA! TAKE CARE OF TETSUYA!
GEORALDI! BATTIA!!

WHOOSH
TETSUYA! UP AHEAD!

WHOK
SWISH

AIEE!
BROOM

HEY HEY WHAT'S GOING WITH YOU GUYS?

AIN'T ANY OF YOU GOT SOME GUTS?! EH?!

BLAM

BLAMBLAM

HUH?

GR

WHA-?!

THAT THE BEST YOU CAN DO?

HE HE'S SOME KIND OF MONSTER!!

SECOND SQUAD OUTFLANK THEM AND PURSUE THE OTHERS

NOT SO FAST THERE, HONEY.

WHY DON'T YOU LET LADY BATTIA KEEP YOU GUYS COMPANY?

WHAT THE HELL ?!

HEH NOT BAD GIRL

WELL I AM AN OFFICER FIRST-CLASS, REMEMBER ?

ALL RIGHT!!
COME ON YOU PITIFUL IMPERIAL ARMY SLUGS!
IF YOU WANT TO KILL TETSUYA, YOU DO IT OVER OUR DEAD BODIES!
BLAM BLAM
D-DAMN YOU!
BLAM
THAT'S THE SPIRIT!
HNNK!

YOU'RE TEN YEARS TOO 'YOUNG TO PLAY GAMES WITH ME, BOYS!
SKLSSH
!!
IT'S BEEN A WHILE SINCE I SMELLED BLOOD
GOD DAMN, SHE'S GOT PRESENCE
HM?
SKRAK

WHOOOM
WHRUDD

HLLK...
GE-
GEOBALDI
!!
GRRRRR...
SKRK
SKRAKK!

HNNG.
GEOOMPH!
ARE YOU ALL RI

BATTLA!
SO CARELESS
oh damn
BATTLA!
HOW HOW COULD I HAVE BEEN SO
PULL YOURSELF TOGETHER, GIRL! IT'S JUST TWO OR THREE SHOTS!
YOU..YOU SILLY GUY IM NOT LIKE YOU, YOU KNOW

YOU--YOU GODDAMNED IDIOT!! I SAID PULL YOURSELF TOGETHER! DAMMIT, BATTIA !
"GODDAMNED IDIOT". THAT'S A BIT...MUCH, ISN'T IT. ?
OH YEAH I'M SORRY I I JUST
YOU BIG JERK.. YOU JUST DON'T KNOW A THING ABOUT MOOD. DO YOU
BUT STILL, THAT'S THE WAY .
I LIKE YOU
the way
love you.
!

HEY... HEY, BATTIA ?

WHAT'S WRONG ?

C'MON ! IM BEGGING YOU, GIRL - SAY SOMETHING !

BATTIA!!

BATTIA !!

YOU LITTLE IDIOT.. IT'S TOO SOON.

I'LL TEAR YOUR GOD-DAMNED HEARTS OUT FOR
BLAM
BLAM
BRUTUS

YAAHH!
AIEEE!!
SKRAKK
WHROK

YARRGHH!!
SPAK
SPAK
SPAK

BRUTUS
BUDDA BUDDA
WHY DOESN'T HE DIE?!
HE'S A M- MONSTER !!
GRR!

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KAHM!
CAN YOU HEAR ME?
WHERE AM I ?
AT THIS VERY MOMENT YOU STAND UPON THE BRIDGE OF AN IMPERIAL BATTLE CRUISER!
AND THAT
BATTLE CRUISER..?

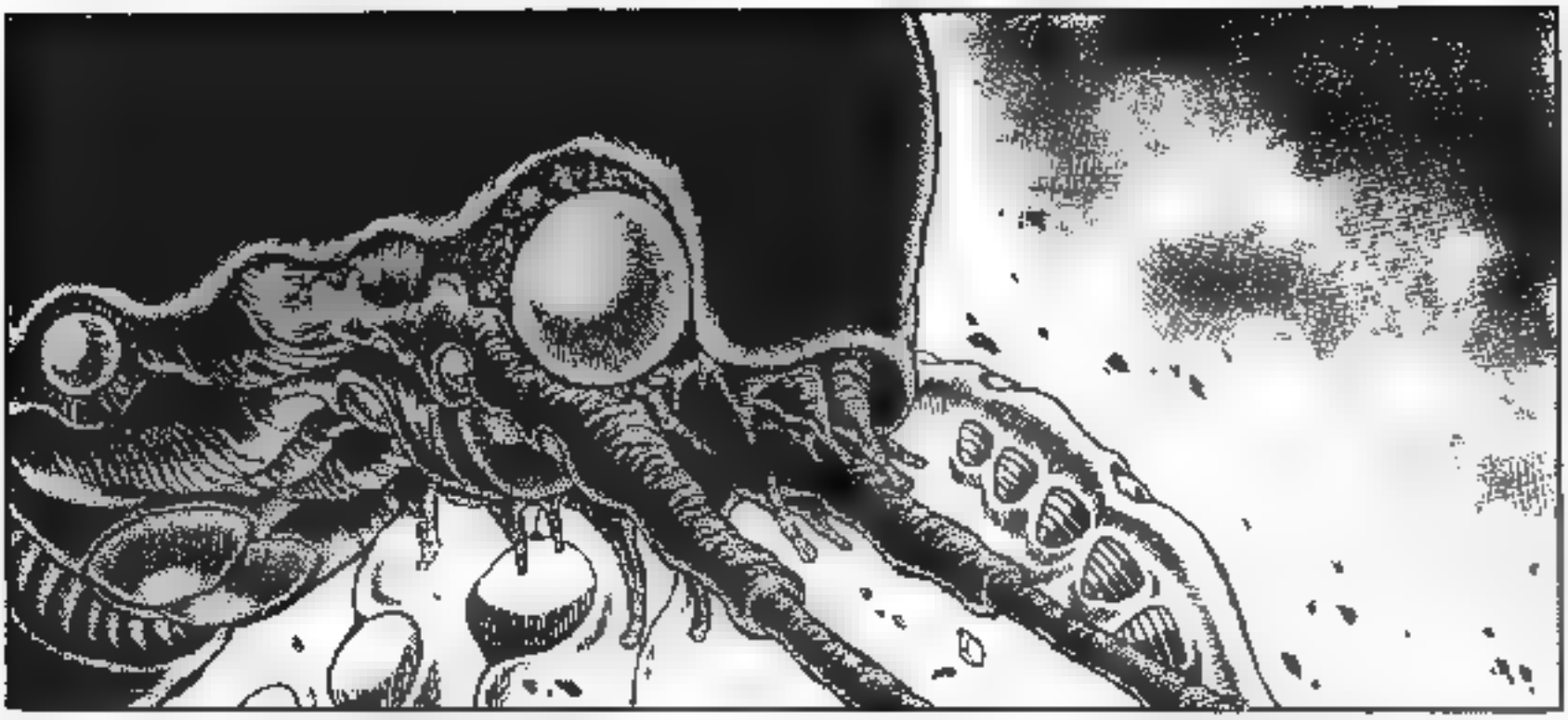
IS
THE
SACRED
PLANET
!

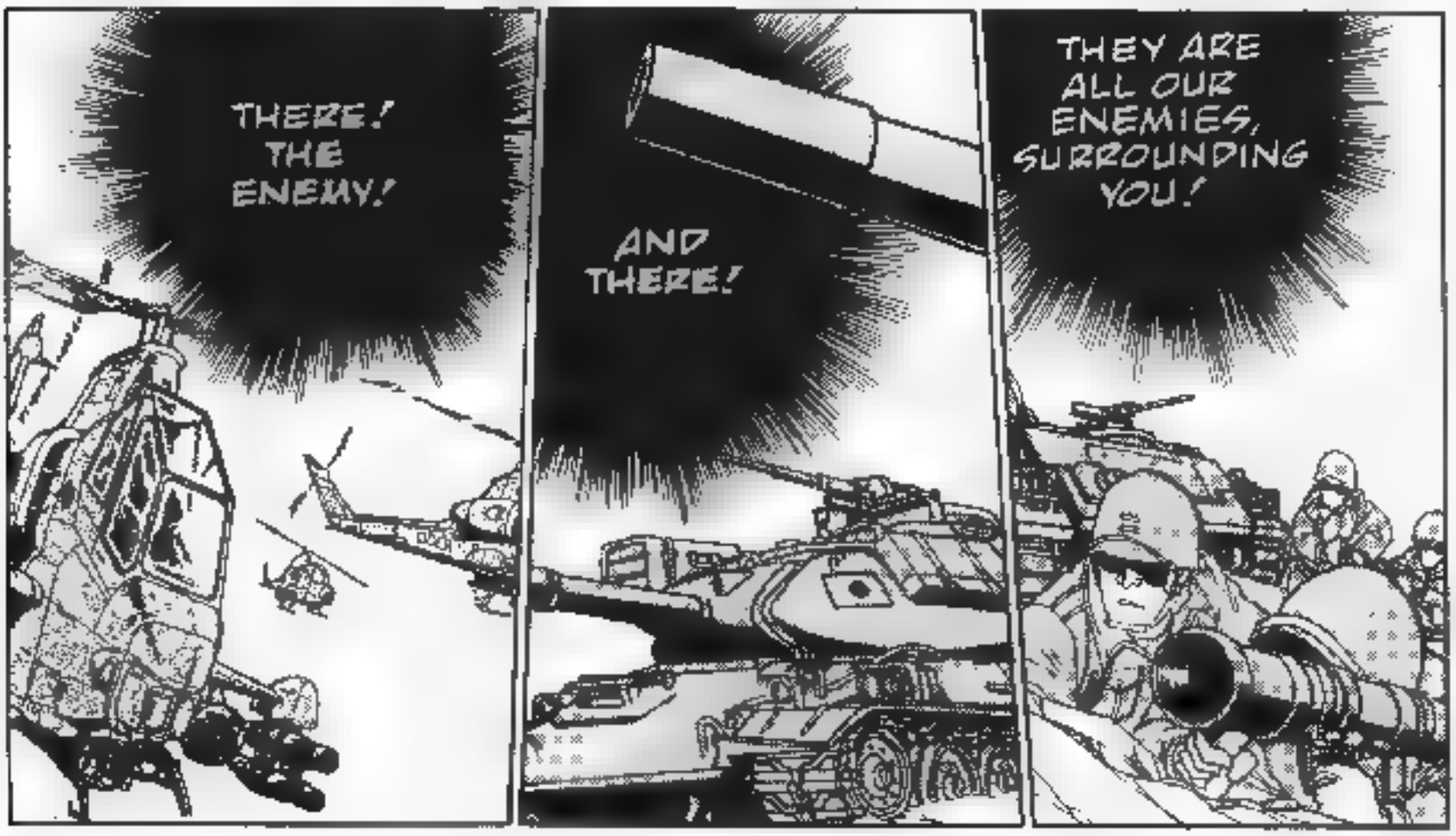
THE SACRED PLANET, THE MOTHER OF OUR RACE, HAS FALLEN INTO THE HANDS OF THE FOULEST INVADERS!

INVADERS ?

WE MUST WIN IT BACK FROM THEM! IN THE NAME OF OUR GLORIOUS SANTOVASKU GALACTIC EMPIRE!

YOU ARE THE SPEAR POINT OF OUR IMPERIAL ARMY! DESTROY THE INVADERS !!




THERE! THE ENEMY!
AND THERE!
THEY ARE ALL OUR ENEMIES, SURROUNDING YOU!

YOU MUST NOT LET A SINGLE INVADER ESCAPE ALIVE !

GLIK

TETSU-
DO NOT HESITATE! THAT MAN IS THE ENEMY!
BUT, I BUT TETSUYA AND I GOT MARRIED.
NO, KAHM THIS IS NOT SO! YOU ARE MEETING THIS MAN FOR THE FIRST TIME!!
BUT, I.
YOU ARE THE PROUD HEIRESS TO THE THRONE OF THE SANTOVASKU!!
HOW CAN ONE SUCH AS YOU, PRINCESS OF A GALACTIC EMPIRE, BE BOUND TO SUCH A FOUL ALIEN CREATURE ?!

THE REBEL INTRUDERS IN SECTOR 407T HAVE BEEN ELIMINATED BY OUR NEWLY COMMITTED ARMORED UNITS.
FRIENDLY FORCES REPORT MINIMAL LOSSES DOWNGRADING DEFENSE CONDITION IN SECTOR 407T OVER!

KRAACK
SWISH

FUJU
MAN! TOO DAMNED CLOSE FOR COMFORT!
BUOOA BUOOA
YAEE!
TETSUYA! FRESH TROOPS!
SPANG
SPAK

BKOOM BKOOM

TAKE THAT! AND THAT.

AND THAT!

TETSUYA! WHERE THE HELL IS THE EMPEROR?!

HUH?

SEE, GOOD QUESTION.

I DON'T RECOGNIZE THIS PLACE AT ALL

SAY WHAT?!? AND WHO WAS "MR. EXPERT" ON THE IMPERIAL PLANET JUST FIVE MINUTES AGO?!

HEY, IT'S NOT MY FAULT!! WE TOOK A DIFFERENT ROUTE LAST TIME, OKAY?!

I CAN'T STAND IT! YOU'RE A USELESS BONEHEAD!!

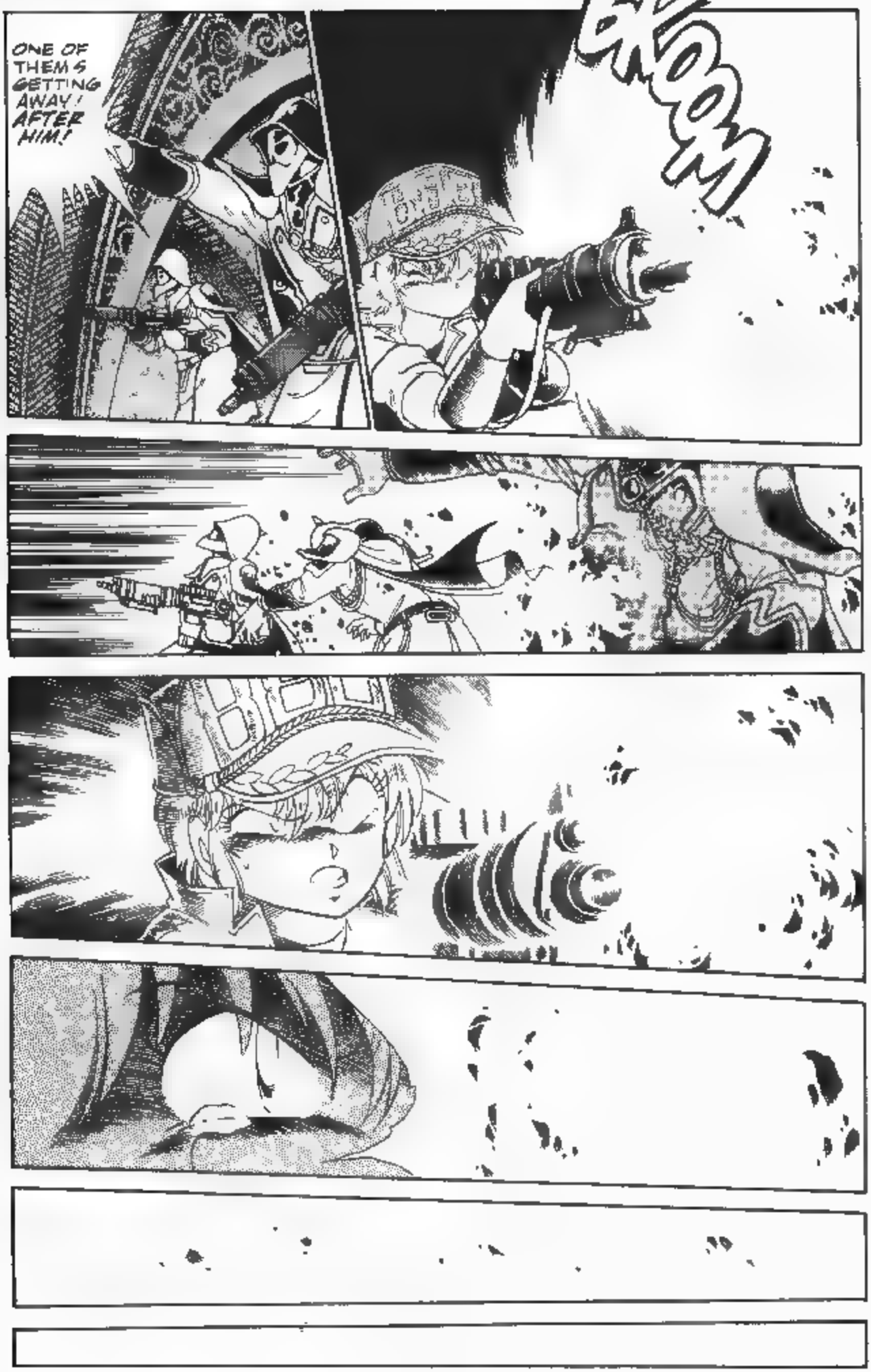
AW, SHUDDUP!!

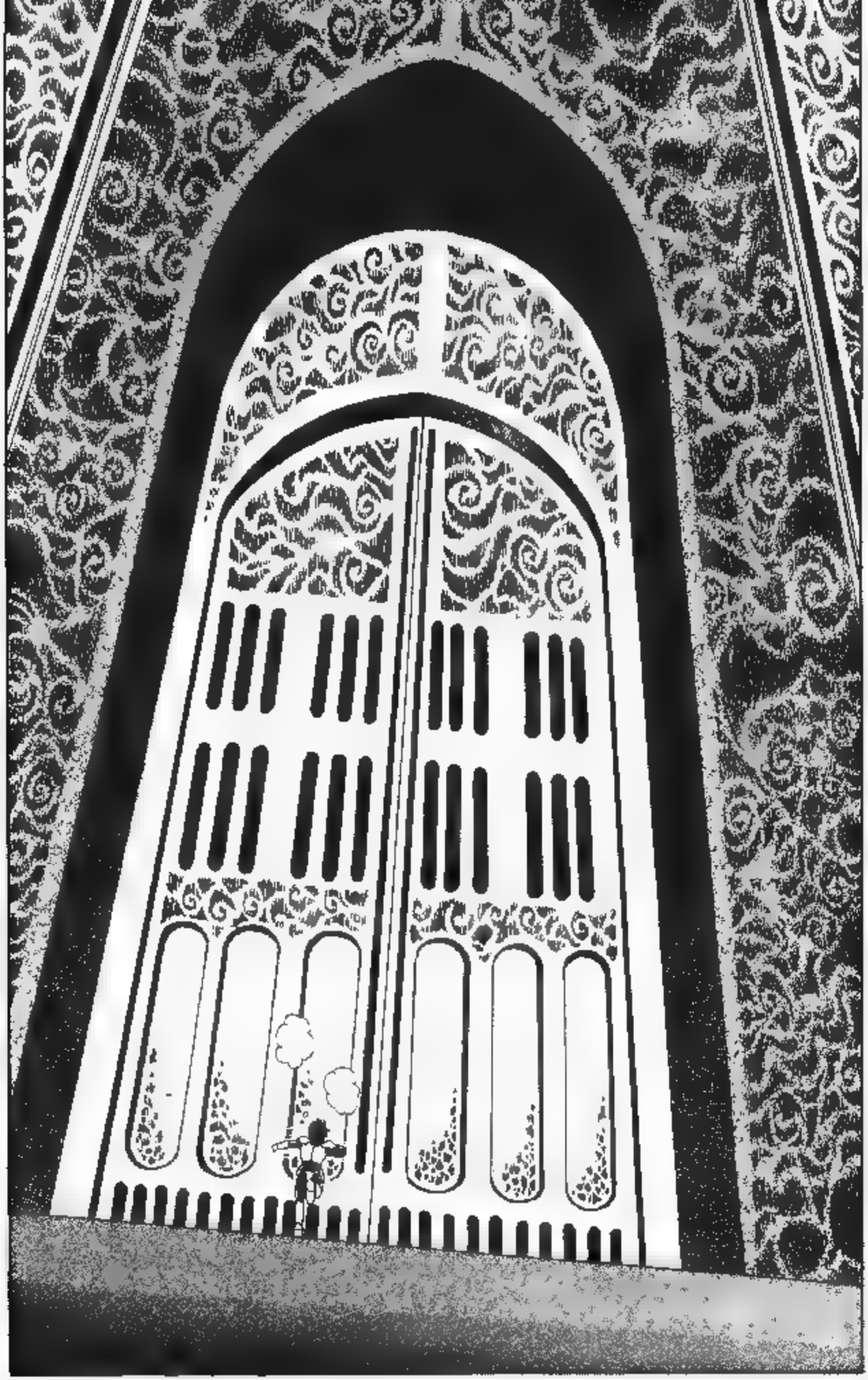
AAAA!!
RAISA! ARE YOU OKAY?!
DAMN! MY LEG.
SON OF A BITCH!
TETSUYA GO ON WITHOUT ME!
WHAT?!

I CAN'T KEEP UP W TH YOU LIKE TH.S
DON'T WORRY I'LL CARRY YOU IF I HAVE TO.
IF YOU DO THAT, THEY'LL GET BOTH OF US!! NOW GET GOING!
DON'T BE AN IDIOT! I CAN'T JUST LEAVE YOU BEHIND!
THANKS FOR THE THOUGHT TETSUYA, BUT
JUST GO
GEOBALDI BATTIA, EVERYBODY THEY'RE ALL FIGHTING TO HELP YOU YOU, TETSUYA!
IF YOU GOT CAUGHT BECAUSE OF ME, I'D NEVER BE ABLE TO LOOK THEM IN THE FACE AGAIN
DAMN IT, RAISA--
THIS IS NO TIME TO BE SITTING AROUND YAKKING. IS IT?!
GO!! BRING BACK KAHM!
ARE YOU GOING TO GIVE UP AFTER COMING THIS FAR ?!!

RAISA. I
DON'T YOU GO WORRYING ABOUT ME
AS LONG AS I CAN STILL SHOOT A GUN, I'LL BE HERE WAITING FOR YOU
JUST PROMISE YOU'LL COME BACK, OKAY?
WHUH--
HEH HEH JUST A GOOD LUCK CHARM, BOY! GIVE YOU SOME MOTIVATION!
I'LL COVER YOU NOW RUN FOR IT!
BUT RAISA YOUR LEG CAN YOU REALLY--?
GO ON

I SAID GO!!
GET MOVING BEFORE I SHOOT YOU MYSELF!!
ALL RIGHT
HURRY!
LOOK DON'T DO ANYTHING CRAZY UNDERSTAND?!
I'LL I'LL BE BACK!
WE'RE THE LAST HUMANS! YOU AND ME?
GOODBYE TETSUYA


ONE OF THEM'S GETTING AWAY! AFTER HIM!
BKOOM



WHAT THE HELL ? IT'S A DEAD END
WONDER IF THERE'S ANOTHER CORRIDOR OR SOME ROOM BEHIND THIS ?
BUT IT'S GOING TO TAKE MORE THAN A LITTLE SHOVE TO OPEN THIS MOTHER
HMMM I JUST KNOW THERE'S SOMETHING ON THE OTHER SIDE
KCHAK
YAHH YAHH YAHH !!
VRNNNNNN
VRNNNNN

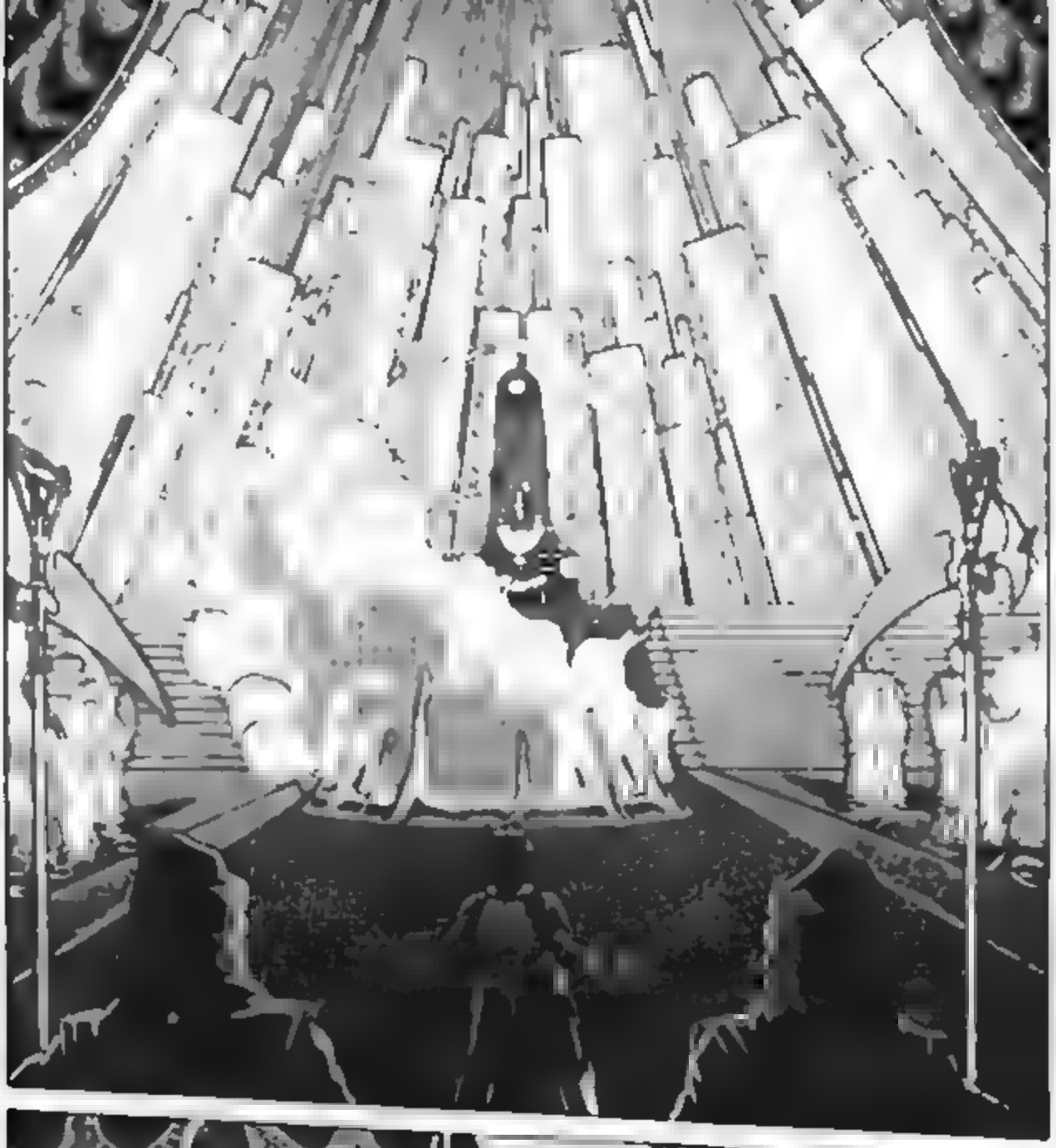
WHAT KIND OF PLACE IS THIS ?!
ANOTHER HOLE? NOT AGA N.
NO. THAT'S NOT T
YOU DON'T FALL THROUGH.
SOME KIND OF MEMBRANE ?
HYPER-SURFACE-TENSION WATER OR SOMETH NG ?

THEY FOUND ME!
BAD NEWS !!
WAAHH!!
KAHMMMM!
OOMPH!
FWMPP

!!

HEY WA T A M.NUTE! THIS

THE EMPEROR?!
QUEVAS THE THIRTEENTH! DAMN YOU.
KSHANG
GIVE ME BACK MY KAHM!! I-- HNNK!!
WHD
HLLF!



WHAT HAVE YOU DONE WITH HER?

COME ON! SAY SOMETHING YOU CREEP!!

GIVE ME BACK MY WIFE!!

DOESN'T LOOK TOO IMPRESSIVE TO ME..!

K
KAHM
?
KAHM!! YOU'RE OKAY!!
WHAT THE HELL DO YOU THINK YOU'RE DOING?! LEMME GO!!
OW! YOU'RE HURTING ME

NO SY LITTLE CREATURE, ISN'T HE ? SCREAMING AND WAILING

HEY WHAT'S WRONG WITH YOU, KAHM? YOU MAD AT ME OR SOMETHING ?

LOOK.. I'M SORRY IT TOOK ME SO LONG TO GET HERE, BUT -

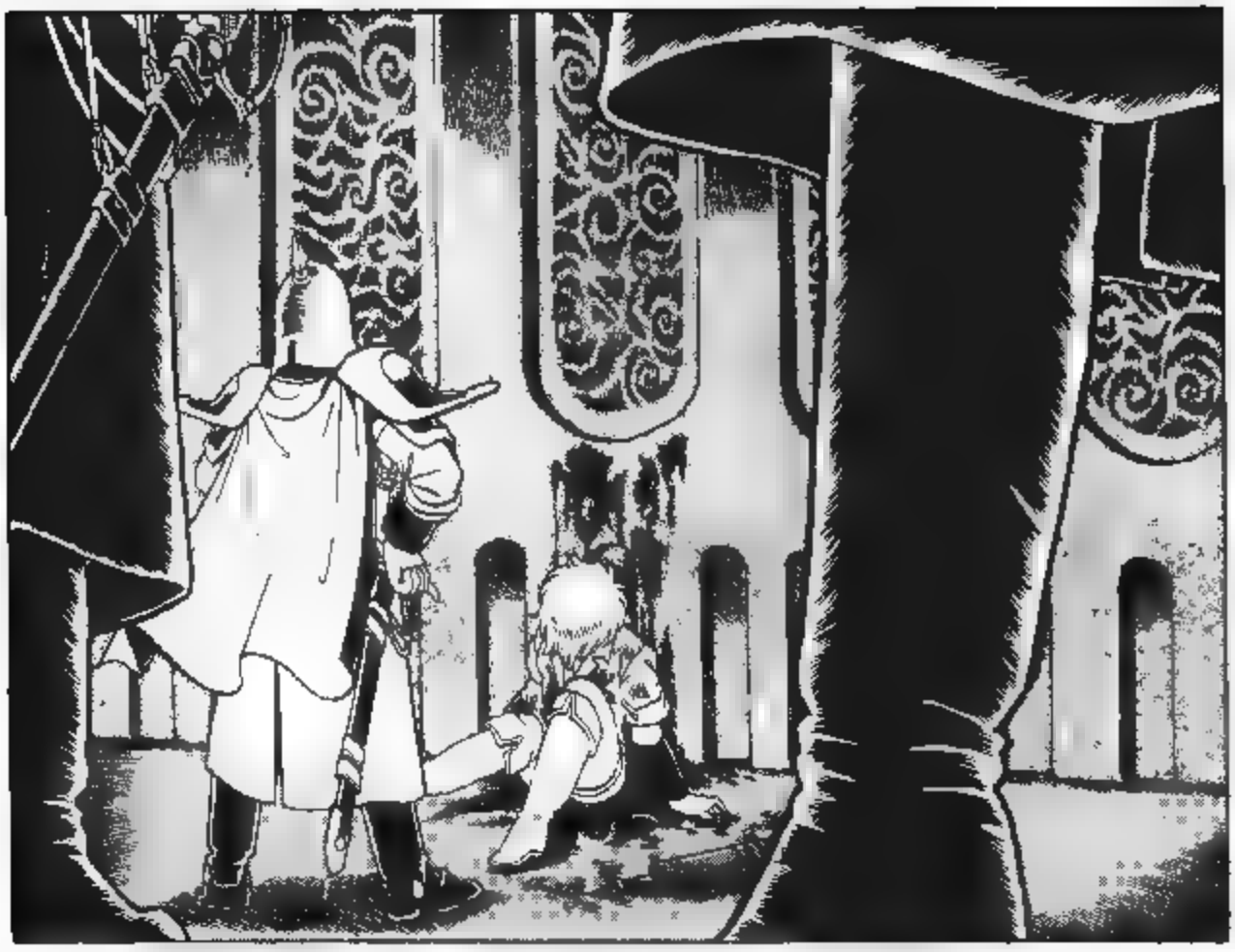
SAY, KAHM

DADDY ? CAN I TAKE CARE OF HIM MYSELF ?

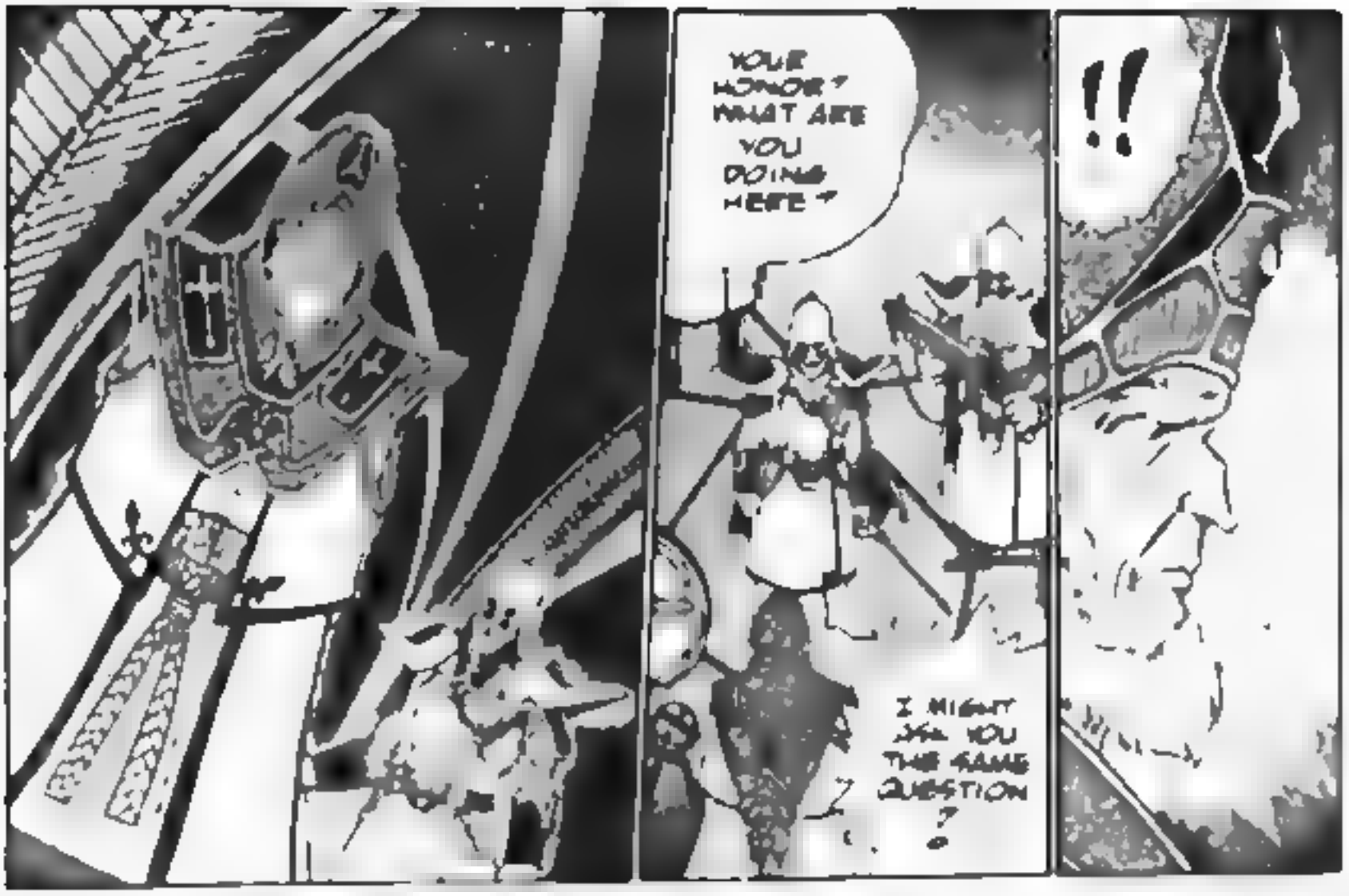
HEH
HEH

YOU
!!
YES YOUR HIGHNESS
KANGG
!?
TAKE UP YOUR ARMED CREATURE
AND PREPARE TO FEEL THE BLADE OF MINE!!

PSST-
HEY, KAHM. WHAT KIND OF PLAN IS THIS?
WHAT GOOD CAN WE DO FAKING A FIGHT?
STOP JABBERING AND TAKE UP YOUR SWORD !!
KAHM !
ARE YOU SERIOUS ?!



YOU GAVE US A LOT OF TROUBLE, BITCH
KILL HER
STAY YOUR HAND!


YOUR HONOR? WHAT ARE YOU DOING HERE?
!!
I MIGHT ASK YOU THE SAME QUESTION ?

WHAT OUTRAGE IS THIS ?
A YOUNG WOMAN STILL A CHILD
AH! SHE LIVES YET!

QUICKLY SEND FOR A HEALER
A HEALER YOUR HONOR? BUT
THAT'S AN ORDER SOLDIER! HURRY!
YES YOUR HONOR !!
I SEE THERE DON'T WORRY THE HEALER WILL BE HERE SOON
KAHM WHAT ABOUT KAHM ?

YOU MUSTN'T TALK

TELL ME! WHAT'S HAPPENED TO KAHM?!

KAHM

THE KAHM YOU KNEW IS GONE, MY CHILD

"WHAT?! WHAT DO YOU MEAN, KAHM IS **GONE**...?"

I I DON'T UNDERSTAND

WITH THE POWERS AT HIS COMMAND, IT S NO GREAT TASK FOR THE EMPEROR TO REMAKE A PERSON AS HE WILLS

THE PRINCESS KAHM HAS BEEN REBORN WITH NEW MEMORIES, A NEW PERSONALITY TAKING THE PLACE OF THE OLD

WHY?! WHY WOULD HE DO SUCH A TERRIBLE THING ?!

"EVEN IF SHE IS HIS OWN DAUGHTER, SHE CANNOT ESCAPE PUNISHMENT FOR RAISING A REBEL ARMY AGAINST THE EMPIRE."

"BY RIGHTS, SHE SHOULD BE PUT TO DEATH. BUT KAHM IS THE ONLY HEIRESS TO THE THRONE...

IT WAS A PAINFUL CHOICE FOR HIS MAJESTY..."

HKK!!

THAT'S HORRIBLE...

KOFF

CALM YOURSELF, CHILD! YOU MUST SPEAK NO MORE!

KOFF

THERE WAS NO OTHER CHOICE.

KOFF

REWARD AND PUNISHMENT IS THE IRON RULE OF KINGSMANSHIP.

THE STRONGER THE STATE, THE MORE IT MUST BE DEFENDED!

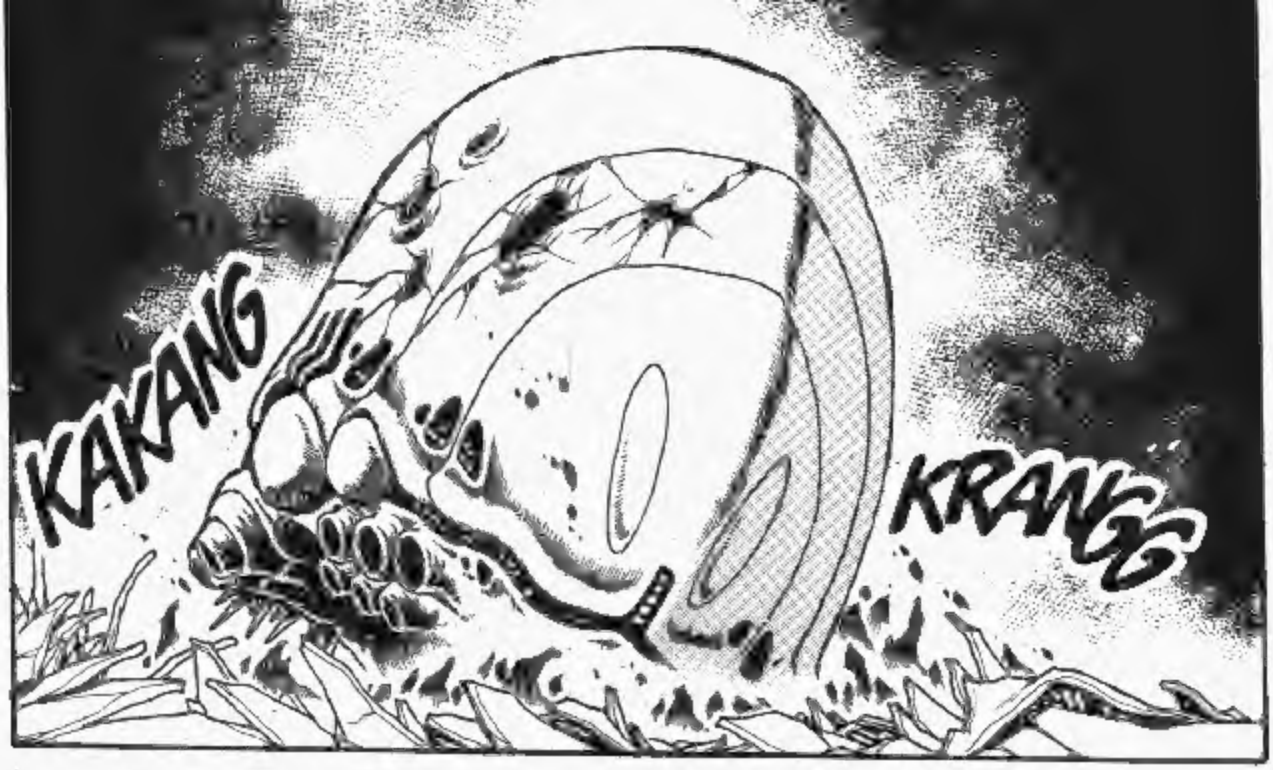
HEH HEH...

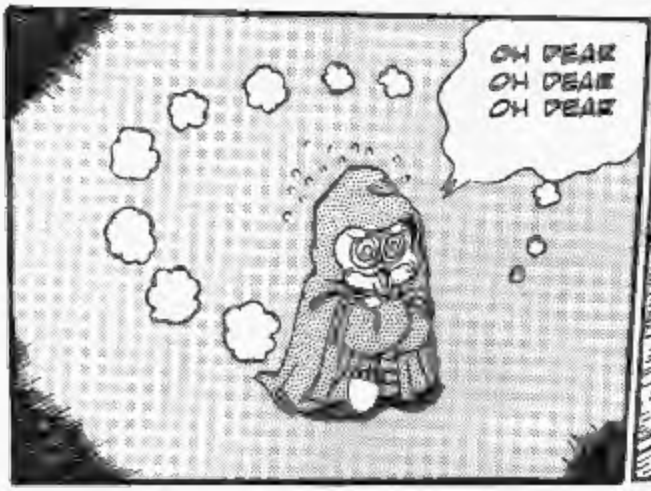
WHAT-- WHAT IS THE MATTER?

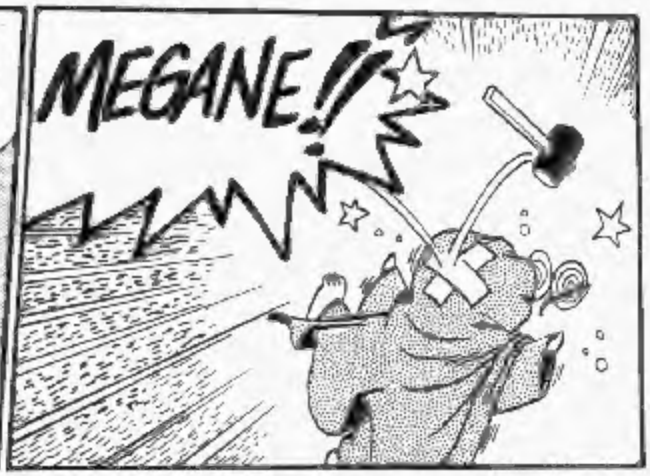
NO WAY...

HE CAN TRY ALL HE LIKES...

BUT TETSUYA AND KAHM AREN'T THAT KIND OF COUPLE.
I DON'T CARE HOW STRONG HER FATHER IS...
HE CAN'T BREAK THOSE TWO APART, FORGET IT...
EVEN I COULDN'T DO IT...
SO I GUARANTEE IT.
DO YOU, CHILD...?
NO WAY...







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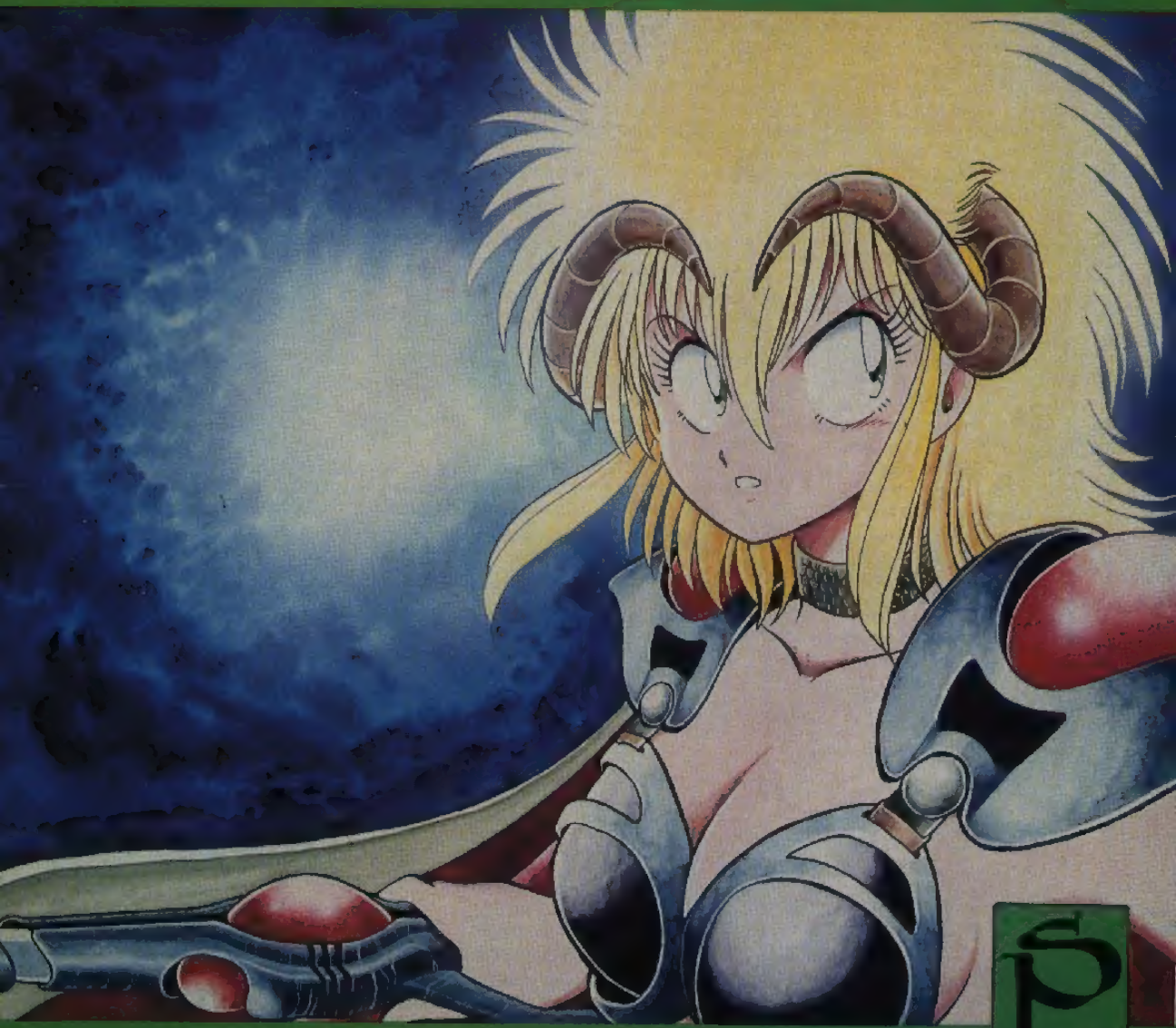

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